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#### From The Desk of the President

Robert F. Newman # 46, 727-724-6283

am honored to be able to serve the residents of Island In the Sun as President for the 2016-2017 term. There are a couple of things that we need to address without delay.

First, when you listen to the Profit and Loss statement from the Treasurer covering the period from March 1, 2015 to February 29, 2016 you will see that we need to get control over our finances. This means that we need to work to be sure that our balance sheet shows an increase from one period to another.

The second area which needs our attention is volunteering. If you look at the inside cover of the Monthly Media you will see that there are several chairperson and co-chairperson positions which are empty at the present time. I would ask that each of you look at this list and see if there are any of these activities that interest you and give serious thought about volunteering for one of these open positions.

#### **Dominos Results**

Submitted by Nancy Barnes, # 157, 727-799-2434

**Feb 1** Rosemary Gorney

Feb 8 Betty Mecke

Feb 15 Rosemary Gorney & Rose Leduc

Feb 22 Betty Mecke

Feb 29 Pat Clark & Rose Leduc



#### **Rummikub Winners**

Submitted by Patricia Clark #125, 727-726-5145

February 2 Betty Mecke - Rose Leduc

- 9 Rose Leduc Rosemary Gourney
- 16 Suzanne Boisvert Rosemary Gourney
- 23 Suzanne Boisvert Donna O'Donnell

#### The Men's Breakfast

Submitted by Larry Taylor, #257 27-266-7740

The "Men of the Hood" met at Tiffany's Restaurant, Palm Harbor on the 18th. Missing were Gene Ecker and Richard Oliver. The other 13 of us enjoyed great food, fast service and wonderful 60's music in our own private dining room. Zoe was our waitress and did a great job and took our picture. Topics discussed were the discovery of a Dinner Theater and a great Mexican Restaurant behind the Toyota dealer. Past "Toys" of some were discussed, boats & motorcycles were the main topic.

April 21st the Men's Breakfast will be at Olga's Family Restaurant, 1449 S Belcher Rd, one mile south of Gulf to Bay on east side of street

#### **Ladies Lunch Bunch**

Submitted by Rose Montgomery Oliver #184, 301-332-9358 or 727-726-0637

here were over twenty beautiful ladies that met for the monthly luncheon at the Bahama Breeze. The weather was a dream. Someone must have called ahead because it was picture perfect.

The conversations were varied from about what a perfect day we had to how outstanding was the food. The little drinks with the colorful umbrellas created a festive scene. The menu just for food was several pages long. Because of the large number of ladies we had several attendants, all of whom performed an outstanding service.

Ladies, you haven't been entertained until you have attended a luncheon with our Canadian Friends! The laughter is so good, it leaves you weak!

Please join us this April. Each month is so different and such fun. The sign up is in the Club House. We hope to see you then



#### The Day The Air Was Still

Submitted by Sharron Hendrixson # 28 812-890-8942

You are my everything! The very air I breathe. My heart beats only because of you. The love I thought I lost is right in front of me. I beg you please, please, don't leave. I need to feel your touch because you're my energy. Without you darling, I just can't be.

You are my destiny! You are my everything! Without you I just can't breathe.

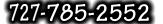
The day you left our house the air went still. I cried all night long. Then the sun came shinning in, but the wind was still. The night you left me the air left to. I'm lying in my bed gasping for air to breathe, but then my chest went still, because my heart left to! You were my everything and with the morning sun, my life left to, but not with you!,

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#### IITS Food Bank

Submitted by Janet Coates, #292, 727-754-1232

The new Chair Person for the Food Drive is Janet Coates Lot # 292, 727-754-1232 and the new Co-Chair is Nancy Fields, Lot 279, 727-266-4836. The new pickup date will be on the second Tuesday of the month at 1:00PM. Thank you to everyone who donates. If you know of anyone in this Community that is in need of help, please contact Janet Coates or Nancy Fields.



#### April Events

### IITS Annual Baseball Outing April 8th

Submitted by Ron Koonter #81, 517-881-5750

The opening game of the Clearwater Threshers is April 8th against the Dunedin Blue Jays. Tickets are \$18 and includes the game, food, winnings, and fireworks. Doors open at L 5PM and food is served from 5:30-8 PM. Food includes all-you-can-eat hamburger sliders, bbq pulled chicken, black beans & corn, chips, peanuts, ice cream sandwiches, soft drinks and bottled water. 16oz. draft beer for just \$2.50 for 2 1/2 hours. Liquor service is also available for a price.

This year's event is **extra special**. The two millionth ticket sold to this ballpark will be chosen for some very special prizes. In addition, the first four thousand people attending this event will receive a prize.

More than seventy tickets have been purchased by IITS residents so far. The **deadline is Thursday, April 7**. See Ron and/or Judy Koonter on Lot 81 if you don't yet have your tickets. Friends and family of IITS residents, young and old, are also welcome to join us for an evening of fun. Even if you aren't a baseball fan, this is a fun event to be with your fellow IITS friends and neighbors.

You can park near the stadium behind Buffalo Wild Wings, enter the park, and take the elevator to the Big Shark Café. This is an open-air covered deck and offers a supreme view of the action from padded seats. Very little walking required which should be appealing to those with mobility issues. Hope to see you all there.

all the ladies who helped set up and clean up for the party and thanks to all those who attended.

#### **Ladies Valentines Brunch**

Submitted by Karen Custy #229 727-729-3441

n Saturday February 13th, we held a Ladies Valentines Brunch at the clubhouse with over 35 women in attendance. We had a great time. There was a delicious assortment of brunch items to enjoy, a Mimosa bar, games and lots of laughs. We even had a thumbprint guestbook where the ladies left their thumbprint on a tree with their name. We had photo ops with accessories also. I want to thank



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#### **Remembrances and Concerns**

Submitted by Rose Montgomery Oliver # 184, 727-726-0637

This letter of Thanks was given to me from Marion Plavchak amd Loretta Quinby of #175. We are sending special Thanks to families in Island in the Sun. My sister, Marion Plavchak, #175 had a detached retina repaired on Friday, February 12th. Over a week prior to the surgery, our friends in #176, Charley and her husband John took her to all her appointment for tests, etc. They were there with me all day during the surgery.

Our good and caring friends, Jan and JoAnne living at #174, checked on us several times a day and made deliveries of turkey soup. They went shopping for us and even trimmed our bushes. JoAnne takes our little dog we are babysitting for while its owner is in Ireland. Both families are there for any of our needs. It's nice to know that there are still loving and caring people in our world. We have been truly blessed that they are in or lives.

Marion and Loretta

We are very sorry to hear of the death of Maria Guzman, Lot 128 on December 13.

John Mackay continues to care for his heart problem. Take it easy John. We want you back to perfect health!

We all know that Gene Ecker has been in the hospital for a lengthy stay. He and Lee have moved from their lovely house and have relocated at an assisted living place which is equally as beautiful. They now live at 3141 McMullen Road. It is so wonderful that you can be together.

Shirley Fennell Lot 249 fell and hurt her knee. Hoping she will recover fast and feel better. Arden Jones Lot # 91 had a health scare and a visit to the hospital. Take care Arden and get better.

Please let it be known if friends or neighbors need to be remembered in next month's Media. It is nice to be remembered!

\*\* Note from the Editor.. We definitely would like to say Thank You to Rose for all her hard work. She herself had been in the hospital for a while and is now back home recovering. We wish her the best and a very quick recovery.

#### **Hanging in the Hall**

Submitted by Bill Shiels #133 727-437-7101

n Saturday, Jan 23rd, we tried a new FREE event at the Clubhouse. It was an unprogrammed evening of getting together to talk and enjoy the company of friends and neighbors. It may sound not very exciting but there were things going on that made it lots of fun.

Bill Shiels brought some videos of past events in the Park that brought memories of people who don't live here now and parties and performances worth watching again.

Karen and Keith Custy also brought fun Jib/Jab Videos showing characters with heads of people in the park doing silly and funny things.

Music was added by Debbie Walck singing and playing her guitar and Judy Koonter playing her accordion with many people singing along.

On **Saturday April 9th** at 7PM, we plan to do it again. If you have videos that would be fun to watch, if you can entertain with song, jokes, instrumental music, or if you just want to have a different fun evening, plan to be part of this event. Snacks would be appreciated.



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#### **FUN DAY AT THE RACES**

Submitted by Pat Henderson #266, 727-400-6002

am organizing a day trip to Tampa Bay Downs on **WEDNESDAY APRIL 13, 2016**, and hope you will plan to come have fun with us. Gates open at 11 am so we could meet at the clubhouse about 10:30 and leave by 10:45. Anyone with a van that could drive several would be appreciated. It lasts until around 5 p.m. and may cool down a bit or be windy. Bring a lightweight jacket and if it gets too cool, we can move inside later. Top

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- Racing program (a \$2 value)
- \$2 betting voucher
- \$5 food voucher
- Box seats (a \$3 value) outdoors under a roof)

This is \$20 worth of amenities that are included in the price of your ticket. This is a Groupon deal so groups of 6 get a little better deal than a single person. What we need to do is get a group of 6 together and one person in the group collect the \$7 and book that group. I will book the 1st group-the 1st 5 who contact me and give me their money. You can get your own group of 6 and book your own. On a Wednesday there should be no problem in all of us sitting together and getting box seats as that is a slower day. There are a number of Groupon specials, so be sure to contact me and I will send you the correct one for our deal. They run \$2 beer specials and they have various types of food. The best buy on food is ½ of a roasted chicken for \$7.99, so with the food voucher, that is only \$2.99 and \$2.00 free betting voucher. Can't beat a beer and ½ of a chicken for

\$4.99! It is delicious too! Gates open at 11:00 a.m. Post time is 12:30 p.m. This gives you time to look over the program and study the races to pick your winners.

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Contact for any questions: Pat Henderson Lot #266 home 727-400-6002 cell 270-320-4000



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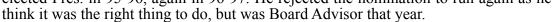
## Spotlight on New President of IITS HOA – Robert Newman Lot 46

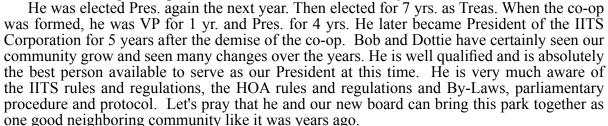
Submitted by Pat Henderson #266, 727-400-6002

BA in Economics at Providence College in RI and got his MBA at American International College in Springfield. He worked at Monsanto Chemical for 28 years where he met his wife Dottie. They've been married 36 years and have 2 daughters and twin granddaughters. In 1985 Bob's was one of the 1st homes in our community. He and Dottie picked a lot close to the clubhouse so they could walk there. They had it custom built and rented it from 1985 until 1993. Bob was very fortunate to retire early as Accounting Operations Manager at the age of 51 in 1993.

Early retirement gave them the opportunity to do some worldwide traveling. They have been to 13 European countries, they've toured many countries along the Pacific Rim, over 6 cruises, and all of the 50 states with the exception of Arkansas and Wisconsin.

Bob was elected as the 1st President of his co-op in MA and served as Treasurer for 6 yrs. before moving to IITS. In 1994 Bob was elected Vice President here, then took over as Pres. He was elected Pres. in 95-96, again in 96-97. He rejected the nomination to run again as he did not





Bob has worked part time for 12 yrs. at Bright House Field during the Phillie's spring training and the Thresher's games. He and Dottie enjoy the games, riding their bicycles and both are avid readers. Life has slowed down a bit due to Dottie's health, but they love living at Island in the Sun. If you don't know them, stop by and get acquainted with our new President. They are a very nice couple.



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#### "Talent in the Park"

Submitted by Karen Custy #229 727-729-3441

ot everyone can sing and not everyone can play an instrument. But Debbie Walck at #280 does both. Debbie and her husband Craig bought a home here in the park in 2013.

Debbie recently retired from nursing and is spending a few months here with her dog Jack. Debbie lives in Dingman's Ferry, Pennsylvania most of the year. Recently Debbie displayed her singing and guitar playing abilities at our "Hanging at the Clubhouse" event in January. Debbie started playing guitar in 1978. She is self-taught but has also taken courses in New York and California. Debbie participated in a music therapy group in the mental health unit where she worked. This music



therapy was of great benefit to the patients to ease stress and anxiety and to promote better communications. The patients respond well to the songs and guitar music. Debbie has also been making jewelry for the past 20 years. Specializing in dichroic fused glass jewelry, Debbie makes beautiful pieces. This is glass that displays two different colors by undergoing a color change in certain lighting conditions resulting in unique patterns, colors and textures. Her pieces include necklaces, earrings, rings and bracelets. She is currently working on some very special pieces to sell. So it's apparent that Debbie keeps busy with her jewelry line and music interests.

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Submtted by Lynette Engebretson #103 727-452-7648

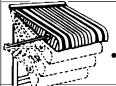
The City of Clearwater Parks and Recreation Department has many classes and sports activities available to all residents of the city. There is a small fee for each class and they are offered in various city parks. To see what is offered, check out the website <a href="mayer-myclearwater.com">myclearwater.com</a> and look under the Departments tab for the Parks and Recreation Department.

Long Center, one of their facilities, offers ballroom dancing, introductory woodworking, yoga, zumba, private pickleball lessons, archery facilities, swimming lessons, chess club, table tennis club, and full body Swedish massages, among other things. Long Center is located on North Belcher, between NE Coachman Rd. and Sunset Point.

The Moccasin Lake Environmental Center has clubs for Clearwater Audubon, Clearwater Turtle and Tortoise Club, a bonsai club, a beekeepers' club, an herb society, and many others. In addition to touring their grounds and enjoying the wildlife (which includes a lot of free-roaming peacocks), they have night hikes, BBQ grills, picnic pavilion and shelters, lake, a 51-acre nature preserve with board walk and natural trails, a fireside concert series, and much more. To get to MLEC, just go left on Drew one block, turn right on Fairwood and go about 1 mile until you cross over the train tracks. Turn left (there is a traffic circle there) and go straight about two blocks. Follow the driveway straight into the center. Check the <u>myclearwater.com</u> web site for hours of operation.

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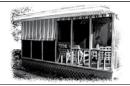
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There are several other parks and activities offered. Go to <u>myclearwater.com</u>.

Go to <u>clearwater-fl.com</u> to see a booklet about classes offered through the Clearwater library system. I believe that you only need to bring a recent utility bill with your name and address on it to get a library card for the Clearwater system. Here is a sample of some of the classes offered:

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Remember that there are many other opportunities available to you besides what is offered at Island in the Sun.

#### **Spotlight on New Resident Tony Budnik Lot #308**

Submitted by Pat Henderson # 266 727-400-6002



very special gentleman moved to Island in the Sun several months ago. He will be turning 100 years young on April 27th. When I inquired about his longevity, I found out he never smoked, and he has been physically active most of his life-swimming, underwater diving, golf, tennis, shuffleboard and dancing. His wife was an active participant in most of these exercises. His nightly ritual is one small glass of blackberry wine with his dinner. A "good woman" stands out as one of the main reasons he has enjoyed such a long and happy life and he does not take any medication on a regular basis.

Tony was born and grew up in Manistee, Michigan. He met the woman who later became his wife in school, but they did not marry until several years later. After high school he joined the Merchant Marines where he spent about 10-11 years on ships in the Great Lakes and Oceans. He worked for the government in the engine room of ships that ran from Bay City all the way down the Mississippi.

He met his beautiful red haired wife, Henrietta (Hank) while in the Merchant Marines. They had 1 daughter and 3 grandchildren.

He also worked as Plant Protector for Dow Chemical. He built a 175 unit motel in Midland, Michigan. This was the 1st motel with a swimming pool in the area. Hank ran the motel for many years until they sold it to a hotel chain.

After selling the motel, Tony and Hank traveled extensively in a 34 ft. Airstream trailer, pulled behind a large truck. They have been to every state at least once. They spent many winters in Arizona, Texas, California and Florida. They have also been to New Zealand, Australia and Canada. Hank passed away while they were spending time in Texas. Tony went back to Michigan and several years later met a woman named Bonnie, who he married. They

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were together about 8 years until her death.

Although, Tony likes it here, he yearns to go back to Texas where Hank is buried as he wants to be placed next to her under the marble slab he purchased when she passed. He fears that unless he goes back there, those wishes may not be fulfilled. He showed me Hank's picture and the suit he wants to be buried in. All of his arrangements are made, and he appears to be in good health, but he hopes to make that 100th birthday.

Tony has made many friends here. He sits outside with his little white hat on, at the end of his driveway, in the sun most every day, and the walkers and golf cart folks often stop to chat. He is quite personable and found reminiscing about his past enjoyable. If you can't stop to chat, at least wave when you go by.

#### **March Anniversaries and Birthdays**

Submitted by Robert Newman # 46, 727-724-6283 pcfriar64@yahoo.com

Please email or forward to Lot#46 your Anniversaries and Birthdays for the media.

#### **April Anniversaries**

- 12 Art & Betty Jackson
- 21 Glenn & Valerie Dayton
- 27 Rocco & Trish Gudin



#### **April Birthdays**

- 14 Jasmina Forcan Doris Ready
- 18 Mary Burke
- 21 Alta Keith
- 24 Trish Gudin 26 Ruth Mathews
- 30 Janet Coates



#### PARK TELEPHONE BOOK CHANGES

Bob and Dottie Newman, #46, 727-724-6283, pcfriar64@yahoo.com

Then you receive the latest edition (2016) of the park telephone book, please make the following corrections:

• Goldsberry, Judith 96 Barbados 204-0289

## A Complete Listing of Resident Services can be found on the page before your calendar

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## Spotlight on New Board Member John Opaczewski Vice President IITS- Lot 312

Submitted by Pat Henderson # 266 727-400-6002

outh Bend Indiana was the birthplace and home for John all of his life before moving to IITS about 3 years ago. John and Linda went to the same schools growing up, but both were married to others before they really got acquainted. After they had each divorced, they met at a local German club where the young people hung out to dance. Linda brought 1 son and 1 daughter into the marriage and John brought one son into their blended family. Their children gave them 4 grandkids and all of their family reside in IN, but do love to come to FL to visit. John and Linda have been happily married 29 years.

John worked at a mom and pop neighborhood grocery, at a young age. He learned to butcher and spent a number of years in management, helping them to become a chain of 22 stores. He had a career of 25 years with this company. His wife, Linda had her own accounting firm where she was CPA after receiving an accounting degree. She still does part time accounting for clients in IN. She has an embroidery business as well and does beautiful work

The first thing they did after moving to Florida was to purchased annual passes to Magic Kingdom, Disney World, Epcot Center, Universal Studios and Animal Kingdom. They go at least once a month and sometimes more if time permits. They like to bowl, love the pool and the beach, and Bocci ball. John also plays pickleball several times a week.

They became active participants at IITS quickly after moving in. They were in charge of activities for 1 year and did many different things that sparked a lot of interest. Linda was Treasurer for 1 year and discovered some problems in the way things had been incorrectly handled for several years and worked with IRS to solve the problems. The incoming Treas. saw that everything was carried through to completion.

John describes himself as happy go lucky and likes to help his neighbors. If you need someone to lend a hand, you can call on John. You should see them out every day cruising the community in their green golf cart. Give them a wave or a shout and they'll stop and chat a while. They are an asset to the park.













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Submitted by Wayne Cleveland # 183, 727-600-6773

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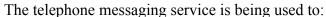
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#### (Allow 4-6 weeks for mailing of check). This month's cash winners are:

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		Sunset Appliance Service
Bill Schumacher	\$10	Knoblach Hearing Care, Inc.
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		Jones & Sons Plumbing, Inc.
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		Dental Walk-In Clinic of Pinellas
Robert Drolet	\$10	E & E Gliddon Air Conditioning, Inc.
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		Jones & Sons Plumbing, Inc.
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Ann Matter	\$5	Doll Brothers Carpet
		Sunset Appliance Service
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Kathy Morris	\$5	Air Masters of Pinellas
		Jones & Sons Plumbing, Inc.
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Peggy Novara	\$5	
		Debbie's Salon
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#### **Do-Wop Party April 16**

Submitted by Judy Koonter #81

o you "Remember When?" of the 1950s and early 1960s? That is the name of a four-member group we have lined up for a Do-Wop Party on April 16, 2016 from 5:30 to 10PM. They sing some solos, some duets, and some as a quartet and they will stir up memories of our younger years. They all are great. Skip was from Camden, Nate was from Jersey City and they both sang on the street corners of Philadelphia and sang backup with several groups, including the Duprees. They cut a record or two during that time. Helen and Roger joined Skip and Nate about a year and a half ago to round out this very entertaining group. Whether you dance or just listen to the oldies, I think you will enjoy the music.

Menu is being planned as this article is written and includes Pizza, salad, dessert, sodas, and coffee. BYOB for other beverages. Price isn't firm yet but should be under \$7.00. Hope to see you all there for a fun evening.



#### **April Is...**

inancial Literacy Month. With taxes due, this may be a good time to learn more about good financial practices. Are you ready to accept responsibility for changing your financial situation? Do you believe that you can and will change the way you make financial decisions? If so, it's time to start.

Month of the Military Child. More than 2 million children in grades K-12 have parents who are serving in our military. Make a difference in the life of a military child by seeking out opportunities to acknowledge their sacrifice, volunteering for organizations that support them, and recognizing their contribution to the nation.

**National Autism Awareness Month**. A nationwide effort to promote autism awareness, inclusion, and self-determination for all and to ensure that each person on the autism spectrum is provided the opportunity to achieve the highest possible quality of life.

**National Garden Month.** Gardening grows fun for the whole family. Whether you're digging in the dirt, enjoying the magic of a small seed transforming into a beautiful flower, or observing the bugs, birds, and butterflies, gardening is a delightful way to celebrate the coming of spring.

#### ACROSS

- 1. Decree
- 5. Yokels
- 10. Journey
- 14. Balcony section
- 15. Drink garnish
- 16. Hindu princess
- 17. Absent Without Leave
- 18. Intolerable
- 20. Deep purplish red
- 22. Sleep
- 23. Compete
- 24. Expectorates
- 25. Being present everywhere at once
- 32. Magnetic induction unit
- 33. Disorderly revelry
- 34. Chart
- 37. Connects two points
- 38. Growing old
- 39. Garden tool
- 40. N N N N
- 41. Display
- 42. Aromatic seeds
- 43. Walkers
- 45. Philippine tribal chief
- 49. Charged particle
- 50. Forward
- 53. Clothing
- 57. Officer
- 59. Roman robe
- 60. Portent
- 61. Slogan
- 62. Black, in poetry
- 63. Lease
- 64. Overweight
- 65. Writing table

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#### **DOWN**

- 1. Deception
- 2. Hawkeye State
- 3. All excited
- 4. Broadcast
- 5. A type of power tool
- 6. Forearm bone
- 7. Top part of an apron
- 8. Nights before
- 9. Secure against
- leakage
- 10. Vagabond
- 11. Jewish scholar
- 12. Arm of the sea
- 13. Wharves
- 19. Out of practice

- 21. Bites
- 25. Leer at
- 26. Principal
- 27. Religious sisters
- 28. Nosed (out)
- 30. Anagram of "Sneer"
- 31. Henpeck
- 34. Mother
- 35. Analogous
- 36. Writing implements
- 38. Card with one
- symbol
- 39. Demolished or
- subverted

- 41. Athletics
- 42. Prune
- 44. Walk quietly
- 45. Painful grief
- 46. Japanese cartoon art
- 29. A river through Paris 47. Not quite a teenager

  - 48. Razz
  - 51. Audition tape
  - 52. Prig
  - 53. Picnic insects
  - 54. Gown
  - 55. Prima donna
  - problems
  - 56. Lean

  - 58. Consumed food









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