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## Programs For Our Upcoming Meetings

Jan. 3	<b>Janet Penn, Director – Youth Leader Prog.</b> <b>“Youth LEAD”</b> “Youth Leaders Engaging Across Differences - Developing Leaders for Tomorrow’s Organizations”
Jan. 10	<b>Breakfast Get Together</b> (Wives, Significant Others, Girl Friends Invited)
Jan. 17	<b>Linda Oakley, R.N.</b> <b>Norwood Urgent Care</b> <b>“Operation of Norwood Urgent Care Facility”</b>
Jan. 24	<b>Frank DeSario, Retired Policeman</b> <b>“Undercover Cop”</b>
Jan. 31	<b>Bill O’Donnell, Norfolk County Register</b> <b>of Deeds</b> (After his presentation, a portable office will be available to check your house deed, homestead declaration, etc.)
Feb. 7	<b>Breakfast Get Together</b> (Wives, Significant Others, Girl Friends Invited)
Feb. 14	<b>Tony Attaro</b> <b>“My Professional Bowling Career”</b> (Thanks to Jerry Katz for this speaker)
Feb. 21	<b>Paul Bergeron</b> <b>Sharon Veteran Affairs Representative</b> <b>“Veterans Affairs”</b> (Thanks to Dave Berger for this speaker)
Feb. 28	<b>Michael Yawitch</b> <b>“Clock Making As A Hobby”</b>

## GLAD & SAD



If you know of a club member or a member of his family who has become ill, the death of a club member, or a member of his family, please contact **Harvey Tobolsky** at (781) 784-7967. He is in charge of sending a Get Well or Condolence Card to the member or his family. The Club also sends a fruit basket to a Men's Club member's family after his passing.

**Morris Factor** is home recuperating from a hip problem. **Harold Hoffman** is at the Copley Nursing Home in Stoughton. **Reuben Herman** had a bad car accident and was hospitalized. He is home now. **Harry Berzon** is in rehab at Newbridge in Dedham.

We sadly report the passing of members **William Kaplan** and **Milton Zola**. Milton was also an active member of the D-R-M Club.

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## Ongoing Activities of the Sharon Men's Club



**JACK BERMAN CRIBBAGE GROUP**, led by **Henry Victorson**, plays on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. at the **SHARON ADULT CENTER**.

**MOE FINE WHIST CLUB**, led by **George Kostick**. They play on Fridays at 1:00 p.m. at the **HIXSON FARM CLUBHOUSE**.

**CHESS GROUP** led by **Bill Appel**.

Monday Evenings from 7:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Sharon Community Center – Arts & Crafts Room – 2nd floor



**BILLIARDS** led by **Al Ferrin** - Every Tuesday from approx. 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the **SHARON ADULT CENTER**.

**DISCUSSION GROUP**, led by **Jim Heller**, meets at the **SHARON ADULT CENTER** following the meeting in downstairs board room. Next Meeting on **JANUARY 3** - Subject: "DOES THE U.S. NEED A CENTRAL BANK"



**CHORAL GROUP** is back in in action – Contact **Bud Adler** for more information.

**SMC INVESTMENT ASSOCIATES** meets on the last Tuesday of the month at the **SHARON ADULT CENTER**. Any member of the Men's Club is welcome to attend as a guest. **Dave Berger** is president of the Sharon Men's Club Investment Associates.

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## DUES REMINDER

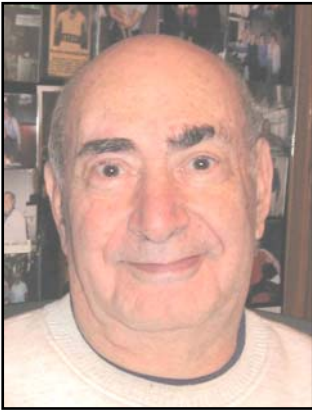
**Dues for the Men's Club 2012 Year are due no later than MAY 31st**

Bring your check for \$10.00 to a meeting or mail to our Treasurer Ed Schwartz at 16 Hartshorn Place, Walpole, MA 02081



# Sharon Men's Club Profile Of The Month

## GEORGE KOSTICK, RESTAURATEUR



George was born on December 17, 1927 in Boston and lived on Corona Street in Dorchester. He attended the John Marshall Elementary School up to the third grade. His family moved to Waltham where his father opened a restaurant on Moody Street. He went to the Whittemore Elementary School from the 3rd to 5th grades. George remembers seeing the German Airship Hindenburg fly over his school. On May 6, 1937, it burst into flames at its landing station in Lakehurst Naval Air Station in New Jersey and was destroyed. Thirty six people aboard were killed.



His family returned to Corona Street in Dorchester and his father bought a variety store near Dudley Street station which he converted to a convenience store. George returned to the John Marshall Elementary School and then went on to the James P. Timilty Junior High School and Commerce High School which was located on Louis Pasteur Avenue across the street from Boston Latin School.

He enlisted in the Army in 1946 and received his G.E.D. in the service. He began his service career in the infantry and received his basic training at Fort Knox, Kentucky. He was then sent by ship to Yokohama, Japan arriving "after 17 terrible days!" He spent 18 months as part of the Japanese Occupation Forces stationed in Kumamoto on the island of Kyushu. He passed through Hiroshima on his way to Kumamoto. He became a medic at the service hospital and did clerking and typing. He left the service as a Corporal in 1948.

He enrolled at Boston University under the G.I. Bill. He met his future wife, Marcia, at a banquet in Saugus sponsored by Young Israel of Dorchester. It wasn't until 1955 that they began dating. Between going to school and working seven days a week, there wasn't much time left for dating. They were married on July 3, 1960 and lived on Winston Road in Dorchester. "We have two beautiful children – our daughter Ellen and our son Steven. We also have two wonderful grandchildren – Rachyl and Kyle," said George, proudly.



He has been in the food industry most of his working years. George and Marci both worked at the G & G Restaurant on Blue Hill Avenue, Dorchester which was a hot bed for politics as part of the famous or infamous Ward 14. There was no way that a politician could win an election in Boston without making an appearance at the political rallies held at the G & G.

George worked there for three years and then went on to work as manager of Al's Famous Foods in Mattapan Square for ten years. He worked at the R & R Deli in Canton Center until the partners broke up in the late 80s. He then worked at "Life's A Deli" in Sharon Square. From there, he ran the coffee shop and sold train tickets at the Sharon Train Station until he retired in 1990.

George was a member of Boston Liberty Lodge of the Knights of Pythias in the 60s. He enjoys gardening and yard work and keeps active with an exercise program three times a week.

George and Marcia enjoy cruising and have visited Italy, Israel, Turkey, Egypt and some of the Greek islands.

"I have enjoyed many memorable years with the Sharon Men's Club and have made many good friends here," said George. "I run the Friday Moe Fine Whist Club, I am on the telephone squad and help out at the monthly breakfasts."

Thank you, George, for all the time you give to our club to make our experiences enjoyable, too.

# THE VIEW FROM THE ADULT CENTER

## NEWS AND INFORMATION

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*Wishing everyone all the best for the New Year ---*

To end the year with a “bang,” we have great news to share! The Adult Center & COA recently received HESSCO’s Agency Community Commitment Award at their Annual Meeting. The award was given in recognition of “community care, support, and solutions on behalf of elders living in the HESSCO Elder Service area” (refers to the 12 towns surrounding this regional agency). Mentioned in particular at the presentation was the work we are doing in support of diversity - our LGBT Lakeside Café program, Chinese elder socialization program, support groups, English tutoring, past and present programs supporting other new Americans, etc. - and that we “immediately stepped forward” to respond with developing and/or hosting and partnering programs that meet newly identified needs in the community and region. Needless to say, we are delighted with the award and thank HESSCO Elder Services for their recognition. As this is my column, I would like to take a moment to mention what a hardworking staff, board, volunteers and Friends (FSCOA) group we have at the Center. Even if I do say so myself, I think Sharon is very fortunate.

Another highlight was our December 7th opening of the Lakeside Gallery exhibit, “Merging Paths” which features watercolors by Sharon artists and friends Theresa Craddock and Pat Lloyd. Pat’s brother, Gary Rickson, played jazz on our digital piano, refreshments were served and the whole experience was jaw-dropping. We had over 100 people, families and friends stopping by to see the artwork and congratulate the artists. Do not miss this show. The Crafts Corner was also open for browsing and shopping.

### Senior Homeowners & Renters -

**YOU MAY QUALIFY FOR CASH or CREDIT FROM THE STATE IF YOU PAY RENT OR PROPERTY TAXES.** The Massachusetts “CIRCUIT BREAKER” TAX PROGRAM is for persons 65 or over whose property taxes (or 25% of rent) exceed 10% of their annual income and who meet other qualifying criteria. You may be eligible even if you receive a property tax exemption through your city/town. Even if you don’t normally file with the state, if you meet the above criteria you are most likely due a “refund” check/tax credit from the Dept. of Revenue. *If you have an accountant, ask him/her for help with this year and /or previous years.*

\*Deadline for 2008 filing is April 15, 2012.

For more details, call or stop by the Adult Center for a flyer or to make an appointment with the AARP Tax Aide.

You may also call the Mass. Department of Revenue for more information and/or forms for the past three years. Mass. Dept. of Revenue – Customer Service: 1-617-887-6367 or online at <https://wfb.dor.state.ma.us/webfile/wsi/>

You may file retroactively for the last 3 years. The maximum credit you may receive for tax year 2011 is \$980, 2010 is \$970, 2009 is \$960, and for tax year 2008 is \$930.

**Seniors must meet the following guidelines to qualify for the refund or credit:**

1. Age 65 or over by the end of the tax year for which you are filing
2. Income: includes Social Security, and other income not ordinarily taxed in Massachusetts

<u>Income for tax year:</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>
Single	49,000	51,000	51,000	52,000
Head of household	62,000	64,000	64,000	65,000
Married, filing jointly	74,000	77,000	77,000	78,000

3. **Residency:** Own or rent residential property in Massachusetts (primary residence) Subsidized renters are not eligible.

4. **Assessed valuation of home (must not be greater than)**

For tax year: 2008 - \$793,000 2009 - \$788,000 2010 - \$764,000 2011 - \$729,000

5. **10% rule:** For Owners: Amount by which **property tax** (plus 50% of water and sewer fees when not in property tax bill) **exceeds 10% income**, up to the maximum.

For Renters: Amount by which **25% of annual rental payments exceed 10% of total income**, up to the maximum. *The law assumes that 25% of rent goes toward property tax.*

# THE VIEW FROM THE ADULT CENTER

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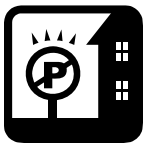
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### Do you have your Free Bank Account?

18-65 bank accounts are free personal checking and savings accounts for minors under 19 and seniors 65 or older. 18-65 accounts have no account maintenance fees, no minimum balance, and no fees for checks, deposits, or withdrawals. Massachusetts law requires all state-chartered banks to offer 18-65 accounts. Banks must post a notice about the availability of 18-65 accounts in each banking office. There are no income or asset limits. For joint accounts, everyone on the account must meet the 18-65 requirements except: the spouse of an eligible account holder; an adult cosigner of a minor's account. You can ask for 18-65 status for an existing account or a new account.



### PARKING ADVISORY AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER

Due to concerns regarding public safety vehicles having access to the Community Center, any vehicles not parked within legal spaces will be subject to ticketing. Additional parking is available at the lower lot or, with planning in advance, at other lots with a bus shuttle. If problems arise, please contact one of our staff. In the event of large programs, please make sure to carpool and also work with us in advance to plan for additional parking resources.

*Norma*



Joseph Bennett	January 1	Eliot Epstein	January 8	Steven J. Wilensky	January 25
Pierce Zavod	January 2	Robert Summerfield	January 13	Nathan Bluestein	January 26
Bill Morgan	January 3	Lester Lyons	January 15	Richard Freeman	January 26
Herbert Silverman	January 5	Ivan Kirsch	January 17	Morris Casso	January 29
Joel Slarve	January 5	Harvey Tobolsky	January 19	Norman Swartz	January 29
Irving Chait	January 6	Charles Shaker	January 20	Myer Golder	January 31
Norman White	January 6	Richard Gardner	January 23		

### *Mazel Tov to ...*

**Harris and Alida Cohen** who will celebrate their 63rd wedding anniversary on January 16.

### A REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS!

**There will be no meetings if public schools are cancelled in Sharon due to inclement weather or snow. Please check the weather reports on television or radio to be sure that you should venture out in bad weather.**

# WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE AT THE NORTH SHORE MUSIC THEATRE THIS YEAR?

PICK THE TOP THREE AND LET STAN ROSEMAN KNOW NO LATER THAN JANUARY 30 EITHER AT THE MEETINGS OR VIA EMAIL

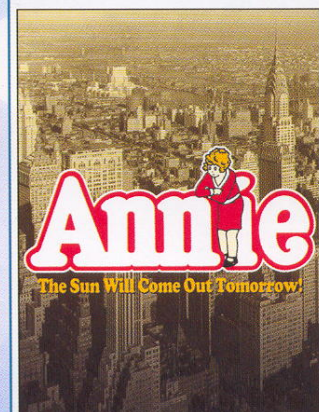
[Stanrose06@comcast.net](mailto:Stanrose06@comcast.net)



When matchmaker Dolly Levi is hired to arrange a marriage for the miserly, half-a-millionaire finds herself! race when the ecting with elaborate costumes, high-energy choreography and brimming with joyful tunes, *Hello, Dolly!* is a delectable treat for all ages.

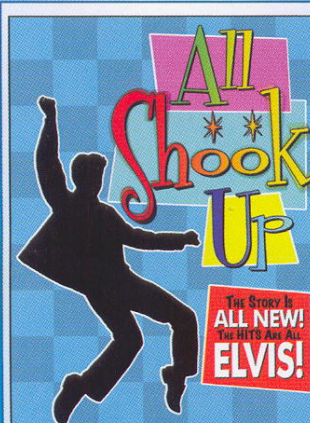
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**JUNE 12 - 24**



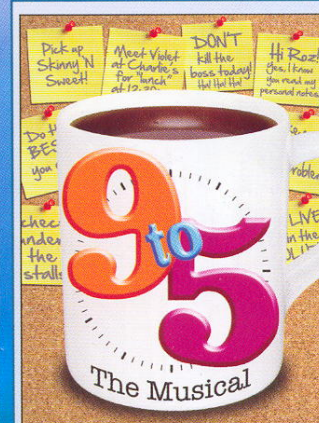
One of the world's best-loved musicals, *Annie*, tells the charming story of a spunky orphan determined to find her parents, who abandoned her years ago on the doorstep of a New York City orphanage run by the cruel, embittered Miss Hannigan. In her fun filled adventures, Annie foils Miss Hannigan's schemes, befriends the President, and finds a new family in billionaire Oliver Warbucks, his secretary Grace and a lovable mutt named Sandy.

**JULY 17 - 29**



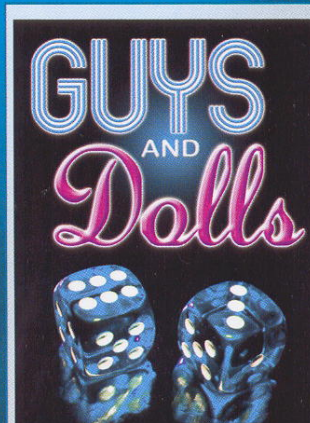
It's Shakespeare meets James Dean, set to the unforgettable greatest hits of Elvis Presley! With a hilarious brand new story, this fun musical, loosely based on William Shakespeare's Twelfth Night, tells the romantic and whacky, mixed-up tale of a guitar-playin' roustabout who rides into a struggling town and turns it upside-down. This fun and exciting musical guarantees to have everyone jumpin' out of their blue suede shoes!

**AUGUST 14 - 26**



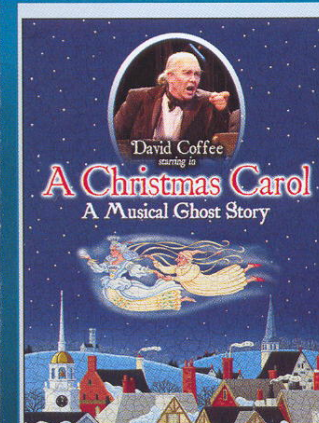
Based on the wildly popular movie, with new music and lyrics by Dolly Parton, *9 to 5 The Musical* tells the story of three unlikely friends who conspire to take control of their company and learn there's nothing they can't do – even in a man's world. Outrageous, thought-provoking and even a little romantic, it's about teaming up and taking care of business ... about getting credit and getting even ...and it's about to take control at North Shore Music Theatre.

**SEPT 25 - OCT 7**



When chronic gambler, Nathan Detroit, finds himself in need of funds to support his floating craps game, Save-a-Soul Missions ultimate good girl, Sgt. Sarah Brown, becomes the center of a wager between gamblers Nathan and Sky Masterson. Saddled with an additional distraction, Nathan must keep his long-time show-girl fiancée, Adelaide, from finding out about his continued gambling while dodging a trip down the aisle and the police.

**OCT 30 - NOV 11**



Based on the Charles Dickens classic, *A CHRISTMAS CAROL* tells the tale of curmudgeonly miser Ebenezer Scrooge, who is visited by the ghosts of Christmases Past, Present and Future hoping to change his destiny and save his soul. This brilliant musical, an original adaptation written for NSMT audiences, follows Scrooge through a series of strange and magical journeys, where he ultimately discovers the true spirit of the holiday season.

**NOV 30 - DEC 23**

SHARON MEN'S CLUB PRESENTS

# Lancaster Show Trip & the Dutch Country



**INCREDIBLE PRICE INCLUDES:**

- ◆ Motorcoach transportation
- ◆ 3 nights lodging
- ◆ 6 meals: 3 breakfasts and 3 dinners
- ◆ "JONAH" Show at the Sight & Sound® Millennium Theatre®
- ◆ GUIDED TOUR OF LANCASTER including Amish Country
- ◆ Visit to charming KITCHEN KETTLE VILLAGE
- ◆ Admission to the MENNONITE INFORMATION CENTER
- ◆ Admission to LANDIS VALLEY MUSEUM & VILLAGE
- ◆ and *much more*

## \$355 \*

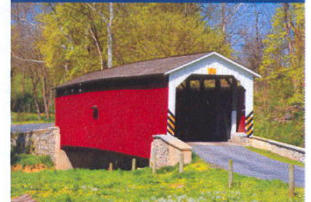
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PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

**(Tue - Fri)**

**May**

**15 - 18, 2012**



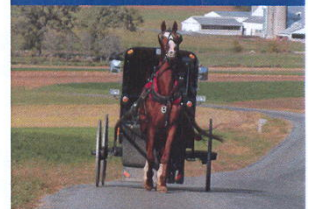
View Lancaster's picturesque landscape



Enjoy a Taste of Local Jams



Spend time at LANDIS VALLEY MUSEUM & VILLAGE



Experience the Amish lifestyle

## Departure: Sharon Recreation Center, Sharon, MA @ 8 am

**Day 1:** Board your spacious, restroom and video equipped Motorcoach and set off for Lancaster in the heart of Pennsylvania Dutch Country. Later that day, enjoy a relaxing Dinner and check into your Pennsylvania-area hotel for a 3 night stay.

**Day 2:** Today after enjoying a Continental Breakfast, you will go on a GUIDED TOUR OF LANCASTER including Amish Country. Next you'll visit the KITCHEN KETTLE VILLAGE – a charming marketplace of shops and restaurants. Then, you'll see the musical "JONAH" at the Sight & Sound Millennium Theatre®, one of the world's largest live performance stages. Take an extraordinary journey with one of the Bible's most colorful prophets! Experience the mighty storm at sea that breaks apart an enormous ship – right before your eyes. Then be immersed in an underwater world and witness the giant fish that swallows Jonah. Later, you'll have Dinner at a local restaurant before heading back to your hotel for the evening.

**Day 3:** After enjoying a Continental Breakfast, you will go to the MENNONITE INFORMATION CENTER, where you will learn more about the unique way of life of the Amish and Mennonites. You will see a short film and experience biblical history come alive during a guided lecture tour of the Center's full-sized Biblical Tabernacle Reproduction. Then, you will have lunch on your own in a nearby village. This afternoon, you will explore the LANDIS VALLEY MUSEUM & VILLAGE, filled with historic buildings and costumed interpreters who demonstrate the daily life, activities, and customs of a 19th Century Pennsylvania Dutch Village. This evening, you will have Dinner and head back to the hotel for the night.

**Day 4:** After enjoying a Continental Breakfast, you'll depart for home. A perfect time to chat with your friends about all the fun things you've done, the great shows you've seen and where your next group trip will take you!

**ADD PEACE OF MIND TO YOUR TRIP...**

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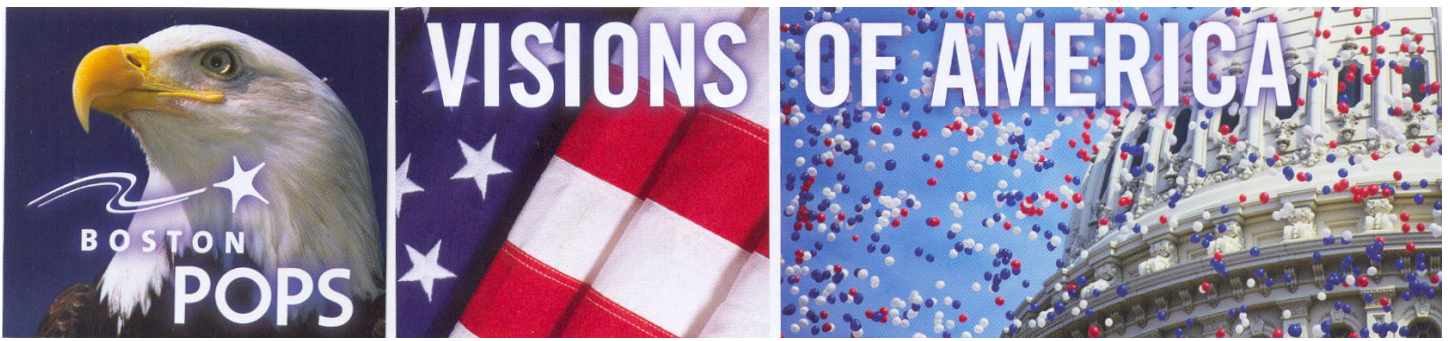
\$75 Due Upon Signing. \*Price per person, based on double occupancy. Add \$90 for single occupancy. Final Payment Due: 3/9/2012

**FOR INFORMATION & RESERVATIONS CONTACT:**

**Bob Howard @ (508) 339-2221**



## RESERVATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED NOW!



Dear Friends,

This spring, “America’s Orchestra” celebrates what unites us, the United States - the heart, imagination and spirit of American musical traditions, inspired by photo-historian Joseph Sohm’s striking images, this special season includes selections from his epic “Visions of America” book featuring all fifty states. Joe and I, along with Hollywood composer Roger Kellaway and the legendary song-writing team Alan and Marilyn Bergman, partnered to create an exceptional live concert experience. Our vision is to share the iconic sounds and magnificent sights of our great nation with you. What is your vision of America?

*Keith Lockhart*

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## **Sharon Men’s Club at Symphony Hall**

# **SATURDAY EVENING**

# **JUNE 16**

**at 8:00 p.m.**

**An Entirely New Program  
“Visions of America”**

**First Balcony Tickets are \$55. pp**

**Second Balcony Tickets are \$30. pp**

**Bus transportation from Sharon Community Center is \$20. pp**

**Tickets are on sale until March 30 or when sold out.**

**Refunds until April 12.**

**Stan Goldstone is handling tickets while  
Arnold Kublin is away.**