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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT
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I'm Edward Brandt, I live on Helmsley Rd., and I've had the honor of serving as President of your Board of Directors this past year. I would like to first of all thank our good neighbors here at Walnut Hills Baptist Church for their kind hospitality in providing this room for our Annual Meeting.

I must say that it is an honor because of the wonderful friends and neighbors with whom I have been serving as fellow officers and members of the Board. I want to personally thank Sharon Arbona, Vice President; Nikki Drake, Secretary; Bill Burdine, Treasurer and Leslie Coe as members of the Board. These individuals have been an absolute delight to work with and have done a wonderful job for our community this past year. I would like for us to thank them for their dedication. Sharon and I were talking last week and we discussed that among all the individuals within our community who work to help maintain our organization and beauty ... there are three people who really do carry a yeoman's portion --- and that's our Secretary, Nikki Drake, Bill Burdine our Treasurer and Cherri Spellmeyer, Chair of our Landscape Committee. I want to single them out and thank them again for their dedication and wonderful work in behalf of our community.

There are others we need to recognize as well --- the Hummels for their kind hospitality at Christmas in the lighting of the luminaries; Sharon Arbona and Liz Hedgepeth for their hard work in organizing our fall picnic; Richard DuChateau for his continuing efforts as our 'Web Master', as well as Liz and Linda Allen for their work as members of the Landscape Committee. I also want to thank Jerry Hedgepeth and the members of the Architectural Control Committee, Mary Ann Dallas and Shirley Hern. To all of you who do large and small endeavors for our community ... some of which we know nothing about ... I want to thank you for your interest and care for your community.

One of the things I enjoy so much about our community is that we are so similar to a family --- actually, we are a "community family" ... old and young, different strengths, likes and dislikes, people of different faiths and some with no faith, individuals who are easy to get along with and some who take a little more patience. Just like a family --- communities have the "crazy uncle" and I know because I'm that person in our family! Yes, communities have their crazies ... but they are our crazies and we learn to appreciate them and mature as a community as we learn to disagree without being disagreeable. Now, please let me hasten to say that none of these people are here this afternoon ... I think!

However, just like a family our community has lost one of our dear residents, Ann Yankovich, whose loss is deeply felt, but by no means like that of Jim and the Hummels. The Blessings have moved into a medical facility and we miss them as well. However, new "life" comes into our community, and we are so pleased to welcome the Mothershead family to our unique and special community.

I am pleased to report that I have met with city officials and the leadership at Walsingham Academy. They have visited the site on Yorkshire and will continue to monitor the drainage problem that currently exists in order to rectify it as soon as possible.

It is important that we stay in contact as a community. Please let me or Nikki know of any resident who may have lost a loved one, someone who may be ill or is in the hospital or anything along these lines so that we can lend our prayers and support as good and caring neighbors.

Thank you for the privilege of serving you this past year.

Ed Brandt

President