

# SJCCA Newsletter Jan 2013

## Our Fiftieth Season

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**CONGRATULATIONS SJCCA MEMBERS:** Your membership, expertise and enthusiasm STARTS our great 50<sup>th</sup> Season. Thank you activity leaders and volunteers for your efforts! In addition to our weekly activities, here's what we have planned for you during January to open our 50<sup>th</sup> Season:

- **Defibrillator Training** Mon 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:30-11:15am
- **NEW: PI "Five O" Weight Loss** meets Fridays after exercise 10:30 am and offers information at Jan 21<sup>st</sup> Mtg 7:00pm
- **Board Election** at Jan 21 General Mtg 7pm
- **Big Breakfast 8-10am with Beck Boat Rally & Rummage Sale** Sat Jan 26<sup>th</sup> --no cooking at home today! **Beck Boats** were built on Pine Island during the commercial fishing hey-days, and Captain Jack and others will show 'n tell all about them. **Have a 1960's to 1990's vehicle? Bring it over by 8:00am on the 26<sup>th</sup> to our designated "Show Off" area and receive a free big breakfast.** Call John 239-9306.

**Volunteers, sign up on the bulletin board or call KB (food service) 282-1590; call Shelly (Rummage) 910-3203.**

SJCCA is located at 3300 Fourth Avenue (Fourth and Lemon Streets) in the heart of St. James City. Get your 2013 membership card from your activity leader. The 2013 Membership entitles you to Fiftieth Season discounts on SJCCA Festivals and twenty-five Weekly Activities--including multiple card games, exercise classes, mah jongg, arts, crafts, hobby sessions, shuffleboard, etc.

*The older you get, the tougher it is to lose weight because by now, your body and your fat are really good friends!*

### General Meeting Monday Jan 21 7pm Elect Board Members

The chair of the nominations committee Mary Ann Harms announces that four candidates have agreed to run for and serve on the Board of Directors if elected. Nominees Sharon Astle, John Nyhus, Shari Perkins and Dennis Ward have all served as directors. Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the general meeting.

*Amazing! You hang something in your closet for a while, and it shrinks TWO sizes!*

*I read this article that said symptoms of stress are eating too much, impulse buying, and drinking too many beers. Are they kidding? That's my idea of a perfect day!*

### EXERCISE GROUP CELEBRATES EIGHTH YEAR

The Saint James City Civic Association Exercise Group is celebrating its EIGHTH anniversary this season. Since early 2005, the group has met on a continuous and uninterrupted year-round basis, and is still going strong under the capable leadership of its founder, Jodee Nelson. "I moved to Pine Island in 2004 and was interested in exercise activities, but there wasn't a lot available so I began searching for a facility where friends might get together for exercise in a social setting. Fortunately, the Civic Association welcomed us." said Ms. Nelson. Things blossomed from there, so much so that the original schedule of Mondays and Fridays from 8:30 to 10:30 am was increased to a third day, **Thursday**, and then to a fourth day, **Tuesday** from 8:30 to 10:00 am. The group meets all year at the Saint James City Civic Association center, is open to the public, welcomes drop-ins, and includes men and women of all ages. Call Jodee at 283-4790 for information.

### INTRODUCING P I "FIVE O"

In addition to the exercise group's 8th anniversary the Saint James City Civic Association will be celebrating the 50th anniversary in 2013. In honor of that milestone **P I "FIVE O" weight loss club and exercisers have pledged to lose 50 pounds among participants during January, 2013.** P I "Five O's" will start the new year with **Friday** weigh ins from 10:30 to 11:00 am followed by meetings 11:00 to 11:45 am to exchange diets, recipes, helpful diet and exercise tips, and provide mutual encouragement to lose those holiday pounds as soon as possible. Whether you are part of the exercise program or not, you won't want to miss out!! We party at Five-O!

### SUPER BINGO ON SUNDAY MARCH 3<sup>rd</sup>.

*I gave up jogging for my health when my thighs kept rubbing together and setting fire to my underwear...*

### Purchase SJCCA FIFTIETH SEASON CALENDAR \$10 or Vintage Card \$2

And always be in the know. Call Sharon 283-7141

**Pickin In The City** on 2nd & 4th Sundays of each month: next: **Jan 13 and 27, 2-5 pm** outside on the grounds of St James City Civic Assoc. Bring a chair and enjoy music by local musicians; bring your own instruments and join in. Any questions, call Cindy 282-9478. Pine Island Sound (Darryl Tison and Alan Bickford) will be there.

**Hobby Club Meets Each Wednesday** from 8:30 to 11:30 am. Whatever you do, there's a spot for YOU! (Sew? Make Cards? Play Cards? Talk?)

2013 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - also available at: [www.sjccapi.org](http://www.sjccapi.org)

Please mail to: SJCCA, PO Box 605, St. James City, FL 33956 Dues payable for Jan - Dec. calendar year:

One year: \$15 per person, \$30 per couple.....**Century Club Gift** of \$100 \_\_\_\_\_ \$250 \_\_\_\_\_ \$1,000 \_\_\_\_\_

NAME(s):Mr.: (first) \_\_\_\_\_ (last) \_\_\_\_\_

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Activities I attend \_\_\_\_\_

**Share a SJCCA VINTAGE STORY:**

Two Pine Islanders remember construction of the St. James City Civic Center: Diane Beck Lane, daughter of SJCCA Charter Member and contractor Harold Beck and sister to Charter Member and contractor Harold E. "Sonny" Beck, and SJCCA Charter Member Harry Brown, who describes himself as part of the construction "help." They both volunteer at Museum of the Islands (MOTI). Diane Beck Lane states that the Beck family arrived in St. James City in September, 1962. "We only came down in the winter season. The building was a two season process. The ground breaking was in 1962. Harold and Sonny surveyed the land and then started laying the block of the St. James City Civic Center in Nov. of 1962 and completed that in 1963. My dad and my brother left the trees on the land. They took out what they had to take out for the space for the building. They were conservationists before the term was ever coined."

"They worked on the Civic Building probably as the money came in." She recalls that Mr. Lavoy was a big donor to the project... Harry E. Brown volunteered to work for Sonny and Harold Beck on the site. "They were really good builders," he says. "They were the cement guys; they were the bosses. The bosses laid it out, all the cement works, and Mr. Lavoy owned the stone quarries. Sonny drew up the plan to get the permit—electrical, plumbing—in the winter season of '63. We poured the floor footers in '63. Blocks were delivered."

Harry continues, "We'd mix the mortar and the father and son placed the blocks. They probably just got expenses and material money. I know they didn't bring the electric cement mixer down so we just did the mixing of the mortar by hand. We got to the doorways and lentils, and then raised some more money: \$50 to \$1,000 at a time. Guys from Tampa put the roof on and put in the windows and doors. They agreed to financing."

"The original building was a little square building," Harry recalls. "It stood empty for the year. They dried it in--then did the electrical. Just about everyone worked on it."

"Mr. Phillips donated the land." Harry states that without the Becks, "the St. James City Civic Center --they'd of never built it. They'd have been charged too much for all they'd have to do." About the Becks, he said, "They're really good people."

Diane says, "The original building wasn't very large. The ladies of the Hobby Club saved enough money for the down payment on the loan. The President and Vice President of Hobby Club went into the bank with my dad as the Contractor to sign off the loan in two years." They paid for the loan "with chicken dinners, fish fries, pot luck dinners, baked goods, and craft shows." Diane admitted that at her age of seventeen, "this building was a disappointment because there was nothing there for kids. Everybody was 40-50 years older than me. They loved to talk."

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*I was just getting used to yesterday, when along came today.*

**PING PONG:** join the fun on Mondays and Fridays 10 am. Call Cindy for more details 282-9478. Two Tables, Singles and Doubles play!

**Golden Brush meets Tuesdays 10-1pm and offers an ART Workshop with Joanna Bowls (Jan 22); call Linda 283-5207.**

Saint James City Civic Association  
P.O. Box 605  
Saint James City, FL 33956

**General Membership Meeting  
Monday Jan 21 Seven PM**

**Elections and P I "Five O" Weight Loss Panel**

**Mah Jongg** Fridays 1-4pm: This group of Friendly Players and Skilled Teachers plays weekly. Contact Pat Johnsen at 283-8368. No better place to try your hand at mah jongg or to meet really experienced players.

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*Age is Mind Over Matter: If you don't mind, it doesn't matter!*  
*Attributed to Mark Twain*  
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**"Hot Shots" Photography Club meets 7-8:30pm on Monday Jan. 14th & 28th** Call David 282-2216

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*To have a good friend is one of the greatest delights in life.*  
*Ralph Waldo Emerson*  
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**"Keep the Lights on Committee" RUMMAGE SALE News JANUARY 26th BIG ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE**

The Committee will be accepting donations and setting up the Annual Rummage Sale on Friday, January 25th from 7:30am 'till 3pm. Please begin to save your items for the SJCCA sale. Please do not donate electronics and large pieces of furniture. We will be accepting donations all day.

**FEBRUARY 8th AND 9th ANNUAL MOTI SALE** Big Rummage Sale to benefit MOTI will be held at the SJCCA on 2/8/13 and 2/9/13. We will also be collecting for that sale starting February.

**PLANT SALES**  
Donated plants will be accepted on the porch to sell at all our events on the day of all sales. Please plant an herb or cutting in a nice container and keep our plant sales growing. Thank you SJCCA gardeners.

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*Laughter is the shortest distance between friends.* Anon  
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**2013 ART EXPO CALL FOR ARTISTS**

The Fifth Annual Juried ART EXPO is scheduled for Friday February 22 and Saturday February 23, 2013 at the St. James City Civic Association. Previous participants in the show will receive an application by mail the first week in January 2013. Deadline for mail in applications is January 28, 2013 and deadline for hand delivered applications to SJCCA is 5:00 PM, January 31, 2013. Jury notification of acceptance will be mailed by Friday February 8.

Art Expo is an exclusive show case for Pine Island artists. Art entered in the show must be original and made by the artist. The show categories are: ceramic, jewelry, sculpture, metal, wood, fiber, photography, drawing/prints, glass, paintings and mixed mediums. Request an application by calling Mary Ann Harms at 283-9337. Application (jury) fee is \$20 nonrefundable.

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**DID YOU KNOW SJCCA IS A HOTBED FOR BRIDGE, PINOCHLE, CRIBBAGE AND SHUFFLEBOARD?**  
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*A friend is someone who reaches for your hand, but touches your heart.* Anon  
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