

Saint James Civic Association Newsletter

December, 2011

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For Membership

E-mail us at: membership@sjccapi.org

Or call 283-0242

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HOLIDAY DINNER

Saturday, December 10th

11:30 AM to 1:00 PM

You won't want to miss this one. First: it's FREE to all members! Second: It's a great meal! Third: There will be plenty of added attractions, including a \$100 Money Tree raffle.

The Menu will be the traditional Roast Turkey with ALL the trimmings. You are also free to bring your own wine or other "adult beverage" . All that's required is your presence, armed with your personal table service.

Here's the catch: It takes a heap of folks to pull this off! Volunteers are needed in all categories. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board next to the kitchen. Pick your job now, before all the good ones are gone. And here's an idea - team up with another couple and split a couple of jobs, so you can eat with your soul mate, spouse or whomever. Oh, did I remind you **to bring your own table service?** Otherwise it's paper plates and plastic tools!

I used to be indecisive. Now, I'm not so sure.

From the President:

So great to see everybody having FUN November 19th Fall Festival.

With a filling and profitable Breakfast and Hobby Club's excellent Vendor Sale, SJCCA is off and running for the new season. The Friday Exercisers and Ping Pong Players set out the tables for Hobby Club and for Breakfast--saving setup charges. Later in the day, Women to Women and Friday Night Bridge used the building working around the event setup. Thank You users for your efforts. Great to see the building busy from 8 to 8.

Kudos to Hobby Club's Members and Vendors. The Vendor Sale attracted many folks to Civic. Thanks to all in the SJCCA Fall Breakfast Crew. Kristen and Stephen organized the Breakfast and volunteers came out in force.

Thanks to all the Vendors outside, and thanks to Frank Tuma and Alan Bickford (Blue Grass) for music on opposite sides of the building. We'll build on our initial cooperation for a fun and profitable season as Hobby Club will celebrate its 50th Anniversary Year in 2012 and Civic celebrate 50 years in 2013. AND, we'll put the FUN in fund raising this season!

Sharon Astle, President of the Board of Directors

You're never too old to learn something stupid.

Board Members Needed

It's that time of year again - time for the annual election of new members for the SJCCA Board of Directors. Directors are elected for a 3 year term on a rotation basis. This year, at least 3 outgoing members have indicated their desire to sit out for a while, so we need some new folks to step up. You needn't be a full-time resident. With modern electronic communication, seasonal Directors can stay connected and even vote by e-mail. Please consider volunteering some of your time and talent to support and shape our Association by becoming a Director. Just notify any current Board member or say YES!! if asked.

Behind every successful man is his woman. Behind the fall of a successful man is usually another woman.

HOTSHOTS PHOTOGRAPHY

The first Hotshots Photography club meeting of the season was well attended and we are ready to host our 3RD ANNUAL HOTSHOTS PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION and SHOW! All photographers in Southwest Florida are invited to participate. Setup for judging will be on Friday, Dec 16, from Noon to 2PM. Judging will be from 2 to 4PM. Then from 4 to 5PM we'll do final setup of the sales booths for the show. Entry fee will be \$5 for SJCCA members or \$20 for non-members and that will include a SJCCA membership for 2012. To reserve a space and obtain the electronic Prospectus and Entry Form, call Dave Priest 239-282-2216. Tell your friends! Off island participation is welcome. Space is limited.

The show will be held at the Civic Center Saturday **December 17th, 9AM to 4PM**. Admission is free and there will drawings for door prizes.. This is a great venue for last minute and totally unique gifts for the Holidays.

Art Expo

Mark your calendars for Feb. 25 and 25 to enjoy Art Expo 2012 here at the Center. Deadline for entries is January 6th. Contact Mary Ann Harms (283-5337 for information

Hobby Club

We are welcoming our seasonal friends in large numbers now. We had 39 members attending "White Christmas" at Broadway Palms in November. And the extra hands from up north were welcome as we decorated the Civic Center for the Holidays. We are now looking forward to our annual Christmas Dinner Party and the activities the New Year will bring. 2012 will be the 50th Anniversary of the Saint James Hobby Club, making us one of the oldest continuously running organizations on the Island. Hobby Club meets every Wednesday morning at 9:00 and all are welcome to join and share, learn or just socialize.

Light travels faster than sound. That is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak,

JAMMIN' IN THE CITY"

Sunday Dec 11 2-5 pm

Out back at the Saint James City Civic Center, (weather permitting, if not we will move inside). Join us for some bluegrass music, Christmas music, and any other music that comes by. Musicians: feel free to bring your instruments and join in. For further information, contact Cindy 282-9478

A clear conscience is a sign of a fuzzy memory.

ACTIVITIES

By now, most of you have received an activity schedule for the happenings at the Civic Center. If not, there's one posted on the outside bulletin boards. To highlight just a few:

- Shuffleboard is underway and can always use a few more shufflers. Tue and Fri, 9-11 Just show up!
- Exercise classes. Mon., Tue, Thur, Fri 8:30-10:30 Jodee 283-4790,
- Cribbage Thur., 6:45-9:30 Jack Sundstrom 937-231-0229
- Bridge - Too many to list! - Call Dennis Ward 283-3740 to find the right fit for you

These are just a few. Check the full listing. And, if you can't find your favorite, **Start It!**

We never really grow up. We just learn how to act in public.

PING PONG

We have had great response at ping pong!! We have 2 tables set up for doubles competition and the players are having a great time. Come on out and join the fun. Mondays and Fridays 10 am. Call Cindy for more details 282-9478.

POTLUCK LIVES ON!

Starts in January

Helen Gambie has agreed to take over from Laurie and Rich Dockus as coordinator for our bi-monthly Pot Luck meals, This is a fun time and good eats. Pot Lucks are the first and third Mondays of each month. The group assembles about 5:30 and starts eating promptly at 6PM (after pooching on the desserts!) On the first Monday, we play playing card Bingo after eating - on the third we stay for the Membership meeting. All are invited. Just bring your table service, a dish to share and perhaps a dessert and join the fun.

Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine (or when you send a kid to the store).

MEMBERSHIP

Again this month, a membership renewal application is included in this newsletter. If you haven't done so already, clip it fill it out and send it to the address on the other side (handy, Huh?) along with your money. It behooves you to do this ahead of the Holiday Dinner and collect your card from your activity leader or the box at the center, so you can flash your card and march right on into the food line! And how about signing up a neighbor for their Christmas present??

Figures don't lie but liars figure.

Editorial: For the second month in a row, I'm composing this newsletter from up here in Ohio, in the cold, dreary rain so that you folks down there in the warm sunshine can be informed and amused. And it will be the same next month, since I have back surgery scheduled for mid-December. There's something wrong with this picture!! I'm very thankful that Kristen and Stephen stepped up for the breakfast and Christmas dinner and that the rest of you are volunteering to help. T-day was interesting up here. Since we are not usually here, our oldest daughter, Vicki, has been hosting the Ohio dinner, with help from several grandkids. She has it organized better than an Everest expedition and serves about 35 kinfolk and friends. We helped out but mostly hung around in awe as everything fell into place. The only downside was that so many leftovers were sent home with the guests that we felt shorted! Enuf so that I bought a huge turkey on an after-T-day sale and plan to cook it before December.

Ann and I sure miss y'all and the excitement as a new season ramps up on Pine Island. Hope to see you soon!

Bill Brabbs Board Certified Curmudgeon

2012 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - also available at: www.sjccapi.org

Please mail to: SJCCA, PO Box 605, St. James City, FL 33956

Dues payable in Sept for Jan - Dec. calendar year.:

One year: \$15 per person, \$30 per couple., includes FREE Christmas Dinner

NAME(s):Mr.: (first)_____ (last)_____

Ms. OR Mrs.:(first)_____ (last)_____

LOCAL ADDRESS: _____

City:(SJC BOK MAT or Other):_____ State_____ Zip_____

PHONE: Local_____ Off Season:_____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: (PLEASE!!)_____

Please send my SJCCA Newsletter to: (Save us postage if you can!!!)

____ My E-mail address (Best option) _____ My LOCAL address, above

Activities I attend_____

**Mail Form to
SJCCA
P.O.Box 605
Saint James City, FL 33956**

**December Membership Meeting
Monday, Dec. Nineteenth, Seven PM**

**Program: An Old-fashioned
Carol Sing!**