

Saint James Civic Association Newsletter

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For Membership

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FALL FESTIVAL

Nov. 20, 2010 7 AM – 1:30 PM

BIG BREAKFAST 8 – 10:30 AM

Since nobody has (yet??) stepped up to replace Naomi and Jim for our traditional rummage sale, we will be trying a new approach for the Fall Festival.

INSIDE, the Hobby Club will hold its annual Craft and Vendor Sale. Local artisans, crafters and vendors will present their latest creations just in time for Christmas shopping. Fee is \$10/table for SJCCA members, \$15 for others Call Dixie Smegal at 283-7253 to reserve your space. Sale will be from 7 AM to 1:30 PM.

OUTSIDE, we will host a **St. James City Community Yard Sale**, sponsored by the SJCCA and the Hobby Club. Join your friends and neighbors for a yard sale surrounding the Civic Association Building on the shaded and grass covered area. All spaces \$15. To reserve your space call Mary Ann at 283-9337.

Of course, we will also offer the traditional **BIG BREAKFAST** from 8AM to 10:30 AM.

Politicians are interested in people. Not that this is always a virtue. Fleas are interested in dogs.

WOW !!!!

If you see Mike Jendrusiak, our long-time groundskeeper and indoor cleaning manager, with a wild look in his eyes, be gentle. Mike is about to become the father of TRIPLETS, two identical twin boys and a fraternal brother. Offer him congratulations and/or sympathy the next time you see him.

Admiration, n: The polite recognition of another's resemblance to ourselves.

Century Club

Our Century Club is a way for members to show an extra measure of appreciation and support for the many benefits the Civic Center has to offer. The suggested donation is \$100, which is the amount it takes to keep the facility up and running for one day of the year, but any amount will be accepted and appreciated. Just give your donation to any board member or the organizer of an event you attend.

Bridge News

Bridge playing is one of the most popular pastimes at the Civic Center. Party Bridge groups: meet Wednesdays at 12:30 and Fridays at 7:00. Duplicate Bridge groups play Tuesdays at 7:00 and Thursdays at 12:45. If you aren't sure where your skill level fits in best, call Dennis Ward at 283-3740 for counseling.

Separately, with enough persuasion, we could probably entice Mr. Ward to repeat his beginning and/or refresher bridge classes

Patience, n: A minor form of despair, disguised as virtue.

Watch the Schedule

This is the time of year when organizers return and activities suspended for the summer pop back up. I've tried to cover as many as I know of in this newsletter, but watch the bulletin boards at the Center or the Eagle to check on your favorites.

One of the simple but genuine pleasures in life is getting up in the morning and hurrying to check the mousetrap you set the night before,

Hall for Hire

Just to remind you that the Civic Center facility is available to rent for parties classes or just about any event you cannot or prefer not to hold in your home. Contact us at rentals@sjccapi.org or call Garth Moreau at 283-8337

The Old Curmudgeon Sez :One of the delights of old age is choosing NOT to GO!

One Stroke Painting

Judi Rivercomb has moved her Tuesday One Stroke Painting class to her home. Classes meet Tuesdays from 10 – 12 AM. Please contact her at judirivercomb@yahoo.com or call her at 283-3734 for information or directions

An economist is a person who states the obvious in terms of the incomprehensible.

BINGO

Wednesday night Bingo has resumed and attendance continues to grow with the return of the snowbirds. Join us for fun-filled Bingo in a smoke-free and air-conditioned setting. Doors open at 5:30 and games start at 6:30 every Wednesday.

I was going to have plastic surgery until I noticed the doctor's office was filled with Picasso portraits (Gilda Radner)

Exercise

Jodee Nelson's fitness classes have continued over the summer and will begin to fill up again now. If you spent too much time sitting out the hot weather this summer and it's beginning to show, stop by Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday (any or ALL days). In addition to getting you more fit, those are a lot of FUN FOLKS to hang with! For more details, call Jodee at 283-4790.

Hobby Club

Despite our typically meager “off-season” attendance, we have been a busy bunch again this summer. We are a fun social group, but we take our responsibility to the community seriously as well. We made 12 backpacks and filled them with school supplies and made 19 beanbags for P.I. Elementary students. We also kept our fingers busy with lap robes, wheelchair caddies and pillows for residents of local nursing homes and baby quilts for keeping newborns comfy as they go home.

We are now beginning to plan for our seasonal events, beginning with our Craft and Vendor sale, which has been moved to November 20th. We’re eagerly awaiting the return of our northern friends to catch up on the latest news. We meet every Wednesday morning from 9 to 11:30 and welcome anyone, with or without a hobby. Come on down and join us!

P.S.: Don’t forget to bring your Campbell’s soup labels and the pop can tabs for Ronald McDonald House!

Wisdom is the reward for a lifetime of listening when you would have preferred to talk.

HELP WANTED!!

The Saint James Civic Center is an all-volunteer operation. **OK, you saw the word “volunteer”- please do not skip to the next article!** Currently, there are about a dozen people handling virtually everything for this organization of 300 or so members. We have one (1) paid employee – Mike Jendrusiak – for the lawn and interior cleaning. Everything else is being done by a weary handful of folks. Painting, paperwork, rentals, repairs, bookkeeping, planning, event coordination, bug stomping, etc., etc.

Plainly stated, we need help from more people if the SJCCA is to continue to host the activities we offer. And not just volunteer help for Festivals, dinners and special events. (We need that too, of course!). What’s needed is some more people to pick up some of the week-to-week responsibilities. For example, Dennis Ward has been asking for 2 years for relief from the weekly job of coordinating Bingo.

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Since the regrettable death of Tom Dekker, his conscientious maintenance efforts inside and outside the building have been picked up by the same handful of people doing everything else – most notably Mr. Ward again.

None of the needs are onerous duties, and most can be shared among 2 or more people. Please consider volunteering for one of these “routine” responsibilities, in place of, or in addition to, helping with the events.

“The nice thing about being a celebrity is that when you bore people, they think it’s their fault” (Henry Kissinger)

POT LUCK

Pot luck dinners have resumed. All are invited to join us on the 1st and 3rd Mondays each month for a great meal, fellowship and fun. We gather about 5:30 and eat promptly at 6:00. Just bring a dish to share, your table service and maybe a dessert.

Editorial: In the April Newsletter, I gave you all a summer homework assignment. I asked you to look around wherever you went and come up with ideas that could make our Civic Center even more enjoyable and appealing to the Pine Island Community. I gave you a list of examples, which I can’t repeat here for lack of space (and the fact that I can’t cut & paste it ‘cause it’s on my southern computer). It’s now exam time. Share your ideas with any board member. As promised, just because it’s your idea doesn’t mean you’d have to run the show.

The fact is, we need new ventures and new activities if we want to continue growing as an organization and meeting the changing needs of the community. (Also, to pay our bills.) Chicken dinners built the Center almost 50 years ago, but they wouldn’t do it today. And those association pioneers couldn’t even imagine exercise classes being one of the most popular activities. Festivals with music and dancing and beer used to occupy 500+ people for most of a day, but that was before all the alternative entertainment opportunities we have now.

We’ve already changed and grown, and we need to keep doing so. How do we do that??

Bill Brabbs
Board Certified Curmudgeon

**Monthly Membership Meeting
Monday, October 18, 2010**