

Saint James City Civic Association Newsletter

April, 2010

For Membership:

Email us at: membership@sjccapi.org

Or call 239-283-0242

Spring Festival Recap

Despite unsettled weather and low publicity, our Spring Festival was successful, adding over \$1000 to our very needy coffers. Our efforts to add much-needed parking space would have worked out except for the half-foot of standing water. Oh, well – maybe next year.

And while on the subject, let me speak for myself, Naomi and Jim Brewer and the whole Civic Association Board in offering a great big

!!! THANK YOU !!!

to all the volunteers who make the festivals and lots of other things possible for your Association. As events wrap up and folks depart, we don't always get a chance thank everyone in person as we would like to do. Please know your efforts are valued greatly!

Did you know?: The largest cell in the human body is the female egg. The smallest is the sperm cell. Curious.

Rummage Sales for Fall, Winter and Spring Festivals 2010-11

As of now, no one has stepped forward to take over the rummage sales next season. This event is an important part of our fund-raising (read "paying the bills!"). A meeting is set for **Monday, April 5 at 1 PM at the Civic Center** to see if the loyal volunteers who have served Naomi over the years are willing to collectively continue her three rummage sales. The question is: in the absence of chairpersons, would a committee be willing to take over the event?

Mary Ann Harms and Shari Perkins will be there to greet attendees and get their input and ideas. Please call Mary Ann at 283-9337 if you have any questions.

You use 200 muscles to take one step. Be glad only a few ache at one time.

Order of the Golden Brush
The Order of the Golden Brush, our Tuesday morning painting group, will continue to meet this summer. New members are always welcome. Order of the Golden Brush has been meeting for over 30 years and continues to offer a supportive atmosphere for experienced and novice artists.

Summer contact names for information are Honora (Honey) Seidler:283-3092 and Melissa Meyers: 283-5203

A full bladder is roughly the size of a softball. (I think mine has taken up golf!!)

LOST and FOUND

If you are missing your keys, glasses, or jacket, please check the Civic Center's Lost & Found. Keys (3 sets) & glasses (2 pairs, 1 bi-focal) are on the kitchen bulletin board, next to the pantry/storage closet; jackets (4: white, burgundy/brown, blue/rain, sweatshirt/zipper) are hanging on a walking cane on the north wall of the small room near the card table storage area. P.S.: If you are missing anything else, it probably went into the rummage sale – Naomi is relentless!

It takes food 7 seconds to get from your mouth to your stomach. (And one more minute to make it to your beltline!)

1 Century Club

A BIG THANKS to new members of the Century Club: Janis Winder, Fred Jansen, Dottie Kernagham, Mr. & Mrs. Anonymous #1. Also, the following Civic Center "groups" each made a Century Club donation of \$100 each: The Hobby Club, Tuesday Bridge, Thursday Bridge, and Friday Bridge clubs.

The Century Club is a way to show extra support for the programs and events of the SJCCA as we struggle to meet expenses and rebuild our depleted reserve funds. Suggested contribution is \$100 ("Century Club" – get it?) but any amount will be acknowledged and appreciated.

There are about one trillion bacteria on each of your feet. Now who do you suppose counted them. And WHY??

April Membership Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Association will be held **Monday, April 19 at 7pm** at the Civic Center. Come early at 6 PM for optional pot luck dinner. "Living in Retirement" is the theme of this meeting presented by Garth Moreau, manager of the local Edward Jones financial office. Garth will

present an informative review of various investing prospects in this period of recovering financial issues The meltdowns of the housing and financial markets have left a lot of us confused and uncertain and Garth's perspective will be a welcome chance to look a bit into the future.

There will be a time for Q and A's and all persons are invited to attend. And a big HAT'S OFF to John Nyhus for another season of great programs!!

Your body gives off enough heat in 15 minutes to bring a quart of water to a boil. (If those 15 minutes are spent on hold on the phone, I can heat a bathtub full!)

2010-2011 Calendar

For those of you that plan ahead, the following is a list of major SJCCA events for next season:

- Fall Festival: November 20, 2010
- Photo Show December 4, 2010
- Holiday Dinner December 11, 2010
- Winter Festival January 22, 2011
- MOTI Rummage Sale February 12, 2011
- Spring Festival March 12, 2011
- Art Expo March 26 & 27, 2011
- Hobby Vendor Sale January 15, 2011
- Hobby Card Party February 9, 2011
- Hobby Craft Show March 19, 2011

Bet you also buy green bananas and have started your Christmas shopping already!

HOBBY CLUB NEWS

With the successful end of our March 6th Craft show, we are now shifting into our more relaxed "summertime" mode. Of course, this doesn't mean we close our doors. Hobby Club meets throughout the summer and we keep busy sharing ideas and fellowship, while taking pride in doing a variety of projects for the local community.

- Last summer we made lap robes, pillows, wheelchair tote bags and stuffed toys for local hospitals and care facilities.
- We collect women's and children's' health and beauty care products for delivery to women and families suffering from domestic abuse.
- We collect coupons for use by military families and Labels for Education labels for PI Elementary.
- We give two college scholarships to local students.
- And last but not least, we collect and deliver pop can tabs to support Ronald McDonald Houses across the country. Over ten years, we have collected nearly 2 TONS! of tabs. That's a lot of tabs. (You snowbirds can help this effort by saving the tabs from your summer

beverages and bringing them back to Florida this fall.)

If it sounds like we're proud of our community service, we are! Why not join us? Just drop by the Center any Wednesday morning after 9 AM and get in on the fun.

The enamel on your teeth is the hardest substance in your body. (I know folks whose head runs a close second!)

Homework Assignment

While you seasonal residents are back north and full-timers are driving up and down Stringfellow marveling at the lack of traffic, your Board would like for you all to suggest new and exciting FUNdraising activities for the Association. Ideally, new events should be fun for our membership and involve the rest of the Pine Island community. A while back, I brainstormed a list of possibilities:

Pets (Dogs and/or cats)

- Ugliest Biggest & Smallest
- Cutest, Best Dressed
- Most Unusual Pet Cutest Pet Picture

Other Opportunities:

- Baking Contest – Pies, cakes, cookies
- Flapjack Eating Contest
- Shuffleboard Contest
- Corn Hole Contest
- Line Dancing Marathon
- History Walk/Ride around SJC
- Talent Show
- Casino Night
- Theater Group

Some of these could be held in conjunction with a Festival, others could be a stand-alone event for an afternoon or evening.

In coming up with your own ideas, don't feel like you'd have to run the show. Let's get as many ideas as possible and then decide who, how and when, OK? Send your suggestions to the Center (address below,) or call Mary Ann Harms at 283-9337, or email her at Harms2art@aol.com.

The acid in your stomach can dissolve razor blades. (I'll stick with iron pills, thanks anyhow!)

AARP Tax Aide Program

Volunteers will be at the Civic Center on Tuesdays to help low income, elderly, and disabled individuals file their income taxes. **Appointments are necessary.** Call the Civic Center, 283-0242, press 2 after the message/beep, and leave your name and phone number; someone will call you to set up an appointment, OR you can send your name and phone number in an e-mail to: tax.aide.sjc@gmail.com. There are still a few appointments left in April. If you have your forms, DO IT NOW!!!

The average human dream lasts 2-3 seconds. (Daydreams are a better bet, they can last for hours!)

Editorial: Knee report: I am fully released from medical care and pretty much “normal”. Normal meaning the other pains and infirmities in my body are now my major concern. Who would have believed 20 years ago that a full knee replacement could be less of a problem than a broken arm? We may see the day when it’s an outpatient procedure! Again, thanks to all for your prayers and caring.

This will be the last Newsletter until October as Ann & I, along with lots of other seasonals, clog I-75N like lemmings. What faces this snowbird this year is more than a bit daunting. In addition to the hungry fish in my pond and the usual hassles with phone and TV providers, I have a family of squirrels to evict from my attic and a very unruly garden resulting from a lame summer and an early departure for Florida last fall. A patio home or condo on one end (or both) of our annual migration is looking better as time goes by.

Anyhow, so long for the summer and Ann & I look forward to seeing all of you next fall.

Bill Brabbs – Board Certified Curmudgeon