

Saint James Civic Association Newsletter

November, 2011

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For Membership

E-mail us at: membership@sjccapi.org

Or call 283-0242

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Fall Festival

Saturday, November 19

The Civic Center season will kick off this month with our annual Fall Festival. Hobby Club will be conducting their **Craft and Vendors Sale**. In addition to showcasing the crafting talents of the Hobby ladies and other local vendors, the affair will include **Raffles**, a **Wine Basket**, a **\$50.00 Money Tree** and a **Bake Sale**.

Also featured will be the Island-famous **BIG BREAKFAST** ('nuff said about that!), You won't have a better chance all year to have a bunch of fun, snatch up some unique Holiday gifts, fill your tummy and take a few treats home for after your appetite returns!

A couple of details:

If you would like to rent a table(s) for the Vendor's Sale, contact Shirley Palmer at 2837625.

As usual, we need lots of help with the Breakfast!. A sign-up sheet is on the board next to the kitchen Or contact Kristen Bartlett, Shari Perkins or Mary Ann Harms. We NEED YOU!!

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Never argue with an idiot. He'll drag you down to his level and beat you with experience.

Bridge at the St James Center

Bridge is a mind stimulating card game enjoyed by many members of the St James City Civic Association. There are games played every weekday at the Center.

The **Monday** group (Happy Islanders) play year around (by invitation).

The **Tuesday** duplicate bridge group restarted last month with a minimum of players but many promising to return in November.

The **Wednesday** group (Slam Bidders) is an open game that also operates year around.

Thursday has an afternoon duplicate game that will start in November with new directors Ross Halblieb and Mike Astle.

The **Friday** party bridge game operates year around but misses a few games in the summers due to lack of enough players.

With all these opportunities (and more can be added!), anyone can get involved. If interested in more information contact Dennis Ward at 283-3740.

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

PING PONG

Frustrated with the economy and looking to smack something? Here's your Chance! **Ping Pong** (or table tennis if you are so inclined) has come to Saint James City Civic Center!! Come on out and join the fun. Fees are \$1 for members of the association and \$3 for non-members. We play Mondays and Fridays at 10 am. Call Cindy for more details 282-9478. Look for some Saturday tournaments during the winter.

The last thing I want to do is hurt you. But it's still on my list!

I didn't say it was your fault – I said I was blaming you.

BINGO

Bingo is an old-fashioned game that has remained popular from the days when it was played with corn kernels or beans as markers to now when it is a major attraction in multi-million dollar casinos.

Bingo is still popular at the Center. Ruth and Norm Shreve preside over games that are just plain fun – fast enough for the true Bingo-bitten and slow enough for novices. Come on down any Wednesday evening about 6 PM You might win some money. You WILL win an evening of fun and nostalgia.

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Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad!

EXERCISE CLASSES

Bring too much baggage down from up North with you? No, not the kind in the suitcases – the kind under your seat belt. Jodee Nelson can help. Her exercise classes at the Center are getting more popular each year. How they can have so much fun exercising is beyond me, but they do. If you want to lose or just remodel what you have, stop by the Center any morning 8:30 – 10:30 (except Wednesday) or call Jodee at 283-4790

You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.

IDEAS NEEDED

As mentioned in the October Newsletter, From Our Hearts has decided to move their Breast Fest event to Fritts Park next March. This frees up a prime Saturday slot for the Civic Association at the height of season. The Board would like to hear from you members about what things we might do to turn that Saturday into an event promote the Association, make us some money and, hopefully, showcase the

Ideas (cont'd)

south end of Pine Island.. At this point, don't worry about who's gonna run the show, just share your ideas with your activity leader or any board member.

I asked God for a bike, but I know God doesn't work that way. So I stole a bike and asked for forgiveness

Hobby Club

Our main activity for November will be the **November 19 Craft and Vendors' Sale** described on the first page. Also, we are working on some lap quilts and things for hospices and the homeless. Our seasonal members are starting to return and we enjoy catching up with them. Once we get back to full "winter strength", we will be starting some classes on different kinds of crafts.

We will be going to Broadway Palm to see White Xmas on November 30, We have 30 tickets for the afternoon show – contact a Club Officer for details. Hobby Club meets every Wednesday .from 9am to 11:30. at the Civic Center. Whether you come to teach, learn or just enjoy a friendly social break in your week, stop by and take a look.

The evening news is where they start with "Good Evening" and then proceed to tell you why it isn't.

Membership Drive

Included in this Newsletter is a membership renewal form. Civic Association Membership year is January through December. You can renew by mail, through your activities coordinator or by dropping the form and your money off at the office. Membership cards will be distributed through the activities coordinators (mailing them was getting just too costly and time consuming). Remember, you get a years' worth of activity discounts and a FREE holiday dinner for just TEN BUCKS! Plus a genuine, wallet-sized membership card, certifying you are a member of this fine organization. (Sorry, no gas discounts) Renew this month – your membership committee will love you for it!

To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.

Outside Vendor Space for 11/19

If you would like an outside vendor space for the Nov 19 sale and breakfast, call Cindy Bickford at 282-9478 or e-mail nativekid@gmail.com. Outside space for members is \$10.

Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.

HEADS UP

And I don't mean "DUCK"! The Holiday Dinner is coming up on December 9th. It takes a lot of help to pull this thing off. The volunteer signs will be going up right after the Fall Festival. If you've done it before, do it again. If not, pick a job or two. Here's an idea – team up with someone and split a job so both can eat and enjoy. .

Membership Meeting

The **November 21 meeting is at 7pm** at the SJCCA building on 4th and Lemon.

'**Fraud Alert**' is the speaker's topic for this meeting of the St. James City Civic Association. Kevin Farrell of the Lee County Sheriff's Crime Prevention Office will suggest ways you can guard yourself from identity theft, fraud, and scams. He will also deal with the responsibilities banks and credit card companies have to help protect you from financial fraud. There will be lots to learn and plenty of time to ask questions.

This is no scam!. Be there!

The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.(My Favorite!)

EDJTORJAL :As I write this, it is actually getting through to me that Ann and I will not be following the birds south so soon this year. For the first time in almost 2 decades, we will be spending both Halloween Night (will the urchins eat ALL the candy?) and T-day (I ain't cookin' no turkey!) up here December is looking very iffy as well. As fate would have it, we have his-and-hers back problems, and at both ends of the spine to boot. Ann's problems have responded fairly well to treatment. Mine, not so much. Despite the all-too-readiness of the surgeon in Florida to start carving, the neurosurgeon up here isn't so sure where and how to begin. I'm OK with that. He isn't like making T-bones! So, next, I get to lay on a table while a doctor pokes needles in my spine until he reproduces the pain I'm having. My screams are apparently their readout. Sounds like fun! And while they are deciding on the lower back, I visit yet another doctor to see what's ailing my neckbones. Gee, I miss you folks. And the snow hasn't even started yet.

I can still do the Newsletter, thanks to modern electronics, IF you all get the stuff to me (bbrabbs@aol.com). And I'm confident the kitchen will be well-managed and well staffed, assuming you all cooperate and volunteer.

Bill Brabbs

Board Certified Curmudgeon

To be the leader of the pack, figure out where they are going and run ahead, barking loudly

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: \$10 per person, \$20 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_____

MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Monday, November Twenty-First,
Seven PM
Subject: " Fraud Alert" by
Lee County Sheriff's Department