

Saint James Civic Association Newsletter February 2012

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Big Breakfast Breaks Gross Receipt Record

Kristen Bartlett and Stephen Smith introduced **French Toast and Fruit Cups** to the Standard Big Breakfast and broke our gross receipts record. Thanks to all of their volunteers: Jim Dolph, Ruth Ward, Rosie Dekker, Denny & Andrea Dekker, Dottie Muske, Terry Hood, Paula Clegg, Bill Love, Ross Halbleib, Ellie Fenyohazi, Howard Dreiseszun, Phil & Joan Rosenberg, Shelley McManus, Diane Webster, Jodee Nelson, Mike Astle. Thanks to the Board Members who sat tables and ran errands, and of course to Kristen and Steve!

Next Volunteer Opportunity -- Moti Sale & SJCCA Big Breakfast: Feb 11th

Kristen says, "I could certainly use some volunteers for napkin/silverware rolling. Any chance you could put that in the newsletter?" Here 'tis—call her at 239-282-1590.

"Instead of giving a politician a key to the city, it might be better to change the locks" — DOUG LARSON

From the President: SJCCA New Board Members and FINANCES

The big news from the Annual Meeting is the election of new Board Members Shelley McManus and Kristen Bartlett and the re-election of B.J. Austin (Hobby Club Rep) and Bill Brabbs. Board members oversee SJCCA activities, finances and the building and grounds. In 2011, SJCCA broke even on operations according to Treasurer Dennis Ward. "It took the help of all of our Activity Leaders, Fund Raising efforts like Century Club, and our Member Participation in our events," said Dennis.

Thank you, activity leaders for making it possible to enjoy our club and grounds--our Card games, Hobbies, Arts, Exercise, Bingo, Ping Pong, Shuffleboard – more than 20 weekly events as well as 4 or 5 community events monthly. Sharon Astle

YOU are Invited to Art Expo February 24 (Fri) and 25 (Sat) 32 Juried into ART EXPO

On behalf of the Board of Directors, Mary Ann Harms invites YOU to the **Fourth Annual** Art Expo Opening Friday, February 24. The 7:00-9:00 pm reception is for you, your friends, the artists and their patrons on Friday evening. Hors d'oeuvres, tea, coffee, and non-alcoholic punch will be served. Champagne and Wine will be available for a \$2/glass donation. "Art Expo is a premier event for SJCCA. Some of the Arts exhibited include Painting, Sculpting, Jewelry, Purses, a judged Photo Show, and Rococo Pistol and Rifle Craft. We encourage you to support the opening event and the show Saturday the 25th," said Harms. "Watch your e-mail for your personal invitation (created by Rachi Farrow) to the opening."

"The problem with political jokes is that they get elected."
—HENRY CATE VII

Hot-Shots Photography Announces Program from FI. Camera Club Council

The Monday Feb 13, Hotshots program will be all about light; Feb 19, Hotshots night photo shoot in Matlacha; Feb 27th, techniques in the digital darkroom. Regardless of experience, all photographers are welcome.

If you want to have **photography** entered into the **Judged Photography Show within Art Expo**, you may submit photos in Color or Monochrome in Beginner or Advanced categories. For answers to questions or a prospectus, call Randy at 313-3651.

Those who are too smart to engage in politics are punished by being governed by those who are dumber."
-- PLATO

Golden Brush

SJCCA's painting group, Order of the Golden Brush, sponsors workshops with guest artist instructors: February 7-- **Mimi Little**; March 6 -- **Mel Meo**; April 3 -- **Joan Roberts**. For more information, call Linda at 283-5207 or Melissa at 283-5203

AARP FREE TAX PREPARATION

on Thursdays 10am-2pm at SJCCA starting Feb 2nd and ending April 12th. AARP trained volunteers are available for Taxpayers with low and middle-incomes with special attention to those 60 and older. E-file of your return is free with this service. To request an appointment, call 239-283-0242 and leave a message or E-mail TAX.AIDE.SJC@GMAIL.COM

2012 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - also available at: 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) _____

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 _____

Club Notes

The St. James City Hobby Club

meets every Wednesday morning at 9:00 and all are welcome to join and learn or just socialize. Whether you are quilting, making cards, painting, crafting, scrapbooking, playing cards or cutting coupons, the ladies would like to meet you. Call Dot Birmingham 283-2124 or just come.

"I have come to the conclusion that politics is too serious a matter to be left to the politicians." –CHARLES de GAULLE

"PICKIN' IN THE CITY"

Sunday Feb 12, Sunday Feb 26 2-5pm

Out back at the Saint James City Civic Center, (weather permitting) or inside, join us for some Bluegrass Music. Musicians--feel free to bring your instruments and join in! For further information, contact Cindy or Alan at 282-9478.

CONTRA DANCE COMING Sunday Feb 26 Step Back in Time; join the fun; beginners welcome. Pre-sale tickets \$10. Call Cindy 954-249-5512; Paula 517-262-6052; Kristen 239-282-1590. Try it—You'll like it!

"We hang petty thieves and appoint the great ones to office" -- AESOP

Celebrated Author is our SPEAKER

Robert Macomber, Naval History Author will be featured at the Feb. 20th meeting. All of you PI writers and history buffs will enjoy meeting the celebrity, award-winning author, international lecturer and creator of the HONOR series novels. It's always a library-building and educational session about naval history from the Civil War into the early 1900s when Macomber comes.

Macomber has published his ninth book, Honor Bound in his "Honor Series Novels. Don't miss the meeting **Monday Feb 20th 7:00 pm SJCCA Building at 4th and Lemon.** All persons are welcome, and there may be a book or two for sale.

"Politics is the gentle art of getting votes from the poor and campaign funds from the rich by promising to protect each from the other." – **Oscar Ameringer**

PING PONG

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

BRIDGE Lessons for beginners and those who are rusty start Feb 4th. Call Dennis 283-3740

POTLUCK LIVES ON!

Helen Gambee just called in notice that our bi-monthly Pot Luck meals are on the first and third Mondays of each month. The group assembles about 5:30 and starts eating promptly at 6PM. On the first Monday, we play card Bingo after eating - on the third we join in the SJCCA regular meeting. All are invited. Just bring your table service, a dish to share and perhaps a dessert and join the fun.

Don't vote. It only encourages them. – Author Unknown

Women to Women Discuss "US"

On the first and third Fridays of each month, a group of **US** (SJCCA women of all ages) meets for a little conversation, a program, and a TGIF glass of wine. February, we're concentrating on "**Us**"—that's right—by discussing what our mothers' expected versus what our daughters now expect! Join in at 3:30 to 5:00 pm. Call Lynn with questions 283-4095.

"If God had wanted us to vote, he would have given us candidates."—JAY LENO

Century Club Kicks Off in 2012

Generous SJCCA Century Club Members Gave \$6,230 in 2011. This year's goal is \$10,000.

Next year SJCCA turns 50. Since its inception in 1963, we estimate 850,000 visitors have been through our building – people enjoying the activities of Bingo, Hobby Club, Pinochle, Bridge, Exercise Classes, Golden Brush, Hotshots, Breakfasts and Dinners, Art Expo, classes to pursue creativity like drawing, painting, photography, not to mention the honored folks who do the cooking and volunteer for the benefit of their friends. We work for a shared sense of community, not just to run a building.

But, we are entrusted with our building and our grounds, and we are nearly 50 years old.

Your gift to Century Club at the \$100, \$250, or \$1,000 level supports our mission of serving St. James City and Pine Island by taking care of the many items of deferred maintenance of our building. Your donation will be recognized at the silver, gold and platinum levels (or remain anonymous if you choose.) Look for the Century Club Letter and form at the Center where we place newsletters, or fill in the membership blank on page one of the newsletter and mail with your gift. Thank You.

"Why pay money to have your family tree traced; go into politics and your opponents will do that for you."—P.J. O'ROURKE

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**General Membership Meeting
Monday February 20th Seven PM**

**Program: Robert Macomber
Celebrity Author
Naval Historian
The "Honor Series"**