

# Saint James Civic Association Newsletter March, 2011

Contact us at: [info@sjccapi.org](mailto:info@sjccapi.org)

For Membership

E-mail us at: [membership@sjccapi.org](mailto:membership@sjccapi.org)

Or call 283-0242

## One Down!

The MOTI Rummage and Big Breakfast combo on February 12 was a winner for everyone. Naomi Brewer reports it was their best rummage sale ever and we served about 250 breakfasts – over \$700 for our needy Civic Association bank account. Thanks to all the volunteers who stepped up to cook and serve to make this breakfast another success.

*More Fun Factoids: On average, 12 newborns will be given to the wrong parents every day. (That confirms your suspicions about that teenager.)*

## ONE MORE TO GO!!

We will celebrate our **SPRING FESTIVAL on March 12**. This event, held in conjunction with the From Our Hearts Annual Breast Fest, is the cap to our season. In addition to the customary **Big Breakfast**, we are planning to have “Two Bit Bingo”, starting about noon until we run out of people.

Grab some neighbors, enjoy the best breakfast bargain on the Island, and then browse the vendors inside and outside, listen to great music and generally make a day of it.

**AND!** We heard your concerns about parking! This year, plenty of parking is available in the lot just East of the Center, and there will be parking directors and golf cart shuttles if you need them to get you to the door. Of course, we'll need **volunteers** as usual to help cook and serve. A sign up sheet is posted on the board next to the kitchen.

*There are no clocks in Las Vegas casinos.*

## POT LUCK NEWS

We had 25 people at our last pot luck and the meal was great. Pot Luck meets on the 1st and 3rd Mondays (the 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> this month). Bring a dish to share, maybe a dessert and your table service. We meet at 5:30 eat promptly at 6:00

On a sadder note, after March 21<sup>st</sup>, Rich and Laurie Dockus are retiring as organizers of pot luck. They have held this job as long as anyone can remember, and

deserve a relief. So we need someone(s) to take over. It's not a big job, involving only a couple of hours twice a month. Don't make this the last month of Pot Luck.

*Guinness' Book of World Records holds the record as the book most stolen from public libraries.*

*Celery and apples have NEGATIVE calories – it takes more energy to chew and digest them than they provide.. (the some has to be true for chocolate donuts!)*

## Mah Jongg Mixer

The February 18 Mah Jongg Mania Mixer at the Center was a huge success, drawing nearly 40 players from as far as Bradenton, Florida to nearby Lemon Street. The event was hosted by local Pine Island Mah Jongg players who are members of the Association and who provided door prizes, gift baskets and a 50/50 drawing. Winning participants were :1<sup>st</sup> Prize – Babs Brown, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Marsha West. 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Sandy Sacco and 4<sup>th</sup> Place – Mary Jane Cagney.

Congratulations to the participants and to the **plan sponsors** who raised a collective total of \$654.50 which will be applied toward the purchase of a defibrillator to be maintained on site at the **Center**. It seems likely this could be an annual event!

*The glue on an Israeli postage stamp is Kosher. 315 entries in the 1996 Webster dictionary were misspelled.*

## Hotshots Photography

Congratulations to all the Hotshots who exhibited at the 3rd annual Art Expo.

SJCCA's Hotshots will meet the second and fourth Monday each month thru April. Our first meeting of the month will be a program, regular business and photo sharing. The second meeting will be a workshop and photo sharing.

Our next photoshoot fieldtrip will be March 9th. We'll meet at 9:30AM at the Randell Research Center at Pineland. We'll break into groups to shoot all around Bokeelia and then have lunch together at various places.

March 14th will be our next regular meeting. For more information call Dave Priest, 282-2216.

*The terms “upper” and “lower” case letters trace back to the time of hand set type when Capitals were kept in a case on top of the lower case letters.*

## Hobby Club

Our annual Valentine's Day party was a "Best Ever" success! Thanks to all the members who made it happen.

We continue to make personal care bags and knit hats to be distributed through the Food Pantry We are now planning for our annual **Craft Show and Sale, March 18<sup>th</sup>**. This will include a Salad Bar lunch, raffles and the opportunity to see and purchase some one-of-a-kind handicrafts for personal use or special gifts. Call Dixie Smegal at 283-7253 for more information or to reserve a table.

Hobby Club meets each Wednesday morning from 9-11:30 AM There are no requirements for membership except the desire to enjoy a morning of fellowship and, perhaps, learn, share or improve a handicraft skill.

\*\*\*\*\*

*Donald Duck comics were banned in Denmark because he doesn't wear pants.*

\*\*\*\*\*

## GOLDEN BRUSHES

The intent of our workshops series this season is to inspire the creative spirit in all who attend. In our Feb. 8th session with Mel Meo, 18 participants enjoyed learning the Highwaymen style of tropical scene painting.

We are pleased to announce that on March 8th that the group will welcome Joan Roberts. Roberts is known for her romantic and graceful images in the impressionistic style.

The fee for the workshop on **March 8th** is \$20. Due to interest and enrollment, Joan has agreed to conduct a 2nd workshop on **April 5th**. We will be painting with acrylics or oil. For registration and information: Linda Selleck 283-5207

\*\*\*\*\*

*Chewing gum, while peeling onions will keep you from crying.*

\*\*\*\*\*

## FREE TAX HELP

SJCCA is hosting the AARP Tax Aide Program at the Center. Tax Aide is available to taxpayers with low and moderate income and gives special attention to people age 60 and older.

Appointments are available at the SJCCA on Thursdays from 10AM - 2PM, and Mon. eve, Mar. 14, and Apr. 11 from 5-8PM. Call the SJCCA 283-0242, leave your name & phone number. A volunteer will call you to set up an appointment.

## Scrabble Anyone?

Helen Gambie invites anyone interested in playing Scrabble to join her at the Center Wednesdays from 9-11 AM (during Hobby Club), or call her at 558-5556 for more information.

\*\*\*\*\*

*Because of the scarcity of metal, the Oscars awarded during World War II were made of wood.*

\*\*\*\*\*

## Are You a Facebooker?

If you use Facebook, take a look at our new Page.

"Saint James City Civic Association"

And let us know what you think---on Facebook, of course!

\*\*\*\*\*

*Leonardo Da Vinci took 10 years to paint Mona Lisa's lips.*

\*\*\*\*\*

## EXERCISE CLASSES

If those holiday treats are still hanging around or you find you're cutting the dog walks short, join Jodee Nelson's exercise classes. Classes meet M, T, Th, Fri at 8:30. Show up or call Jodee at 283-4790 for more info.

\*\*\*\*\*

*There are no words that rhyme with orange or purple*

\*\*\*\*\*

## What's happening at Babcock Ranch??

Tom Danahy, President of Babcock Ranch, the ecological ranch and community project, will be the speaker at the Civic Association, March 21 Membership Meeting. He will describe the various aspects of the recently defined wilderness preserve, the existing ranch operation, the Babcock Ranch Community development, the IBM partnered technology, and the plans for the world's largest photovoltaic solar power plant.

The State of Florida and Kitson & Partners have mutually defined the retention of the majority of the huge ranch to remain as a ranch and an ecological preserve. The future city of Babcock Ranch has been designated to be the southwestern part of the original land (about 20%) and is the Kitson & Partners development.

\*\*\*\*\*

*The track width of America's major railroads traces directly back to the wheelbase of Roman Chariots!*

\*\*\*\*\*

## Spaghetti Dinner

To test something new, we are planning a AUCE Spaghetti Dinner on Tuesday, March 29. This will be a ticketed event, with tickets and more details available at the Spring Festival and from your Activity leader.

\*\*\*\*\*

*The dot over the "i" is called a "tittle".*

\*\*\*\*\*

## CENTURY CLUB

The Century Club is an opportunity for Association members to make an extra contribution to the operation of the Civic Center. The suggested figure of \$100 is appropriate since it represents about the cost of keeping our doors open for one day. Mail your donations to the Center or give it to any activity organizer. Be sure to include your name, as all contributors will be recognized on the Board at the Center.

\*\*\*\*\*

*The name "Wendy" was made up for the book Peter Pan. Before that, there was never a recorded use of the name.*

\*\*\*\*\*

\*\*\*\*\*

*The first product Motorola started to develop was a record player for automobiles. At that time, Victrola was the most known player on the market, so the newcomers called themselves MotorOLA.*

*P.S.: They actually DID develop and sell a working player. The biggest problem – you guessed it- bumpy roads.*

\*\*\*\*\*

**Editorial:** Thanks again for all the sympathy and good wishes during my recent parts replacement. The docs and I are now focused on chronic back pains (for which there are no replacement parts)

Thanks also to the volunteers who stepped up to make the past 2 breakfasts the easiest ever, especially the energetic people from the exercise classes.

Lastly, please pay attention to the Board Members who are presenting the financial facts of life to the entire membership. There are some very real issues that need to be addressed to insure the health of the Association over the next decade or so.

**Bill Brabbs** – Board Certified Curmudgeon

## March Membership Meeting

**March Twenty First, Seven Thirty PM**

**"What's Happening at Babcock Ranch?"**

**Tom Danahy, President of Babcock Ranch**