

Saint James Civic Association Newsletter

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BETTER LATE THAN NEVER

Fall Festival

Saturday, November 19, 2011

BIG BREAKFAST

HOBBY CLUB ARTS & CRAFTS SALE

While those of you that stay in Florida year round, Fall just means you can occasionally turn off the AC, For us Snowbirds, it means we put the shorts away, drag out the sweats and admire the leaves until it's time to rake 'em.'

It also means the SJCCA Fall Festival is coming November 19 to kick off another season of activity. We will, of course have the BIG BREAKFAST, and the ARTS & CRAFTS sale featuring the handiwork of our talented local ladies of the Hobby Club.

DRIVING IN FLORIDA: We measure travel in minutes, not in miles.

Bridge

The Monday bridge group (Happy Islanders), Wednesday bridge group (Slambidders) have been having sessions all summer. The Friday bridge group has been generally having sessions, but a few weeks have been missed because of a lack of players.

The duplicate bridge groups normally don't start until later in October for the Tuesday evening session and November for the Thursday afternoon group. The Thursday session will be run this year by Mike Astle (283-7141) and Russ Halbleib (282-0012). Contact them if you are available and interested in playing.

If you miss your Interstate Exit, it is perfectly OK to back up!

GOLDEN BRUSHES TO HAVE A COLORFUL PALETTE FOR 2012

The Order of the Golden Brush is looking forward to the seasonal return of their wandering artists and a fun year of art and creativity while continuing with the casual atmosphere on their Tuesday paint days.

During the summer, plans have gone forward for enjoying the instruction of featured artists for workshops during the winter season. At least four artists will be featured during the winter with the first artist being Pat Johnson, who will teach a workshop on the art of intermingling watercolor and collage. Dates for the class will be November 8th and 15th, and you may sign up with Mary Ann Harms, at 283-9337 or Melissa Meyers at 283-5203. All levels of art expertise will enjoy this unique opportunity to have a fun experience with art.

For those of you who would like to explore your interest in art but have never considered trying the Golden Brushes, please stop by any Tuesday from 10 to 1 and find out what we are all about.

Our group has a wide variety of talented and beginning artisans who just enjoy getting together, painting and creating. With association membership, the cost of the weekly "class" is one dollar.

If you travel more than 10 miles in Florida without seeing any orange barrels, you are in Georgia!

BINGO BINGO BINGO

Bingo has begun!!! Regular Wednesday night Bingo sessions started September 21st and will continue through the season. Ruth and Norm Shreve will again provide some surprises and specials to make the evenings fun and exciting. Civic Center Bingo is open to all comers, not just members, and the more, the merrier (and the bigger the payoffs), so come on down and drag a few friends and neighbors along. The action is fast but not too furious and the building is **smoke-free**. Doors open at 6 PM and games begin at 6:30.

P.S. Why do we say "friends and neighbors"? Shouldn't that be redundant? And, if not, you probably wouldn't bring them anyhow, right?

*Only 4 cars must go through an intersection on green
— 8 more on yellow and 3 on red.*

Women to Women

Women to Women will meet the first and third Fridays 3:30-5:00 pm starting in November. All SJCCA member women are welcome. This program is designed to provide a forum for social interaction and discussion of items of particular interest to women of all ages in our local community. Look on the bulleting board for specific information.

Your turn signal means NOTHING to the other drivers, and you need to ignore theirs. It may have been on since they bought the car!

NEW ROOF

Though it will take a birds-eye view to notice, we have a new metal roof on the addition on the north side of the Center. This was planned and done by Dennis Ward, nearly single-handed. He also patched the roof on the storage shed. And here you thought all the full-timers scurried into the AC and sipped adult beverages as soon as the Snowbirds flew.

This is yet another effort by Dennis, who is a one-man show when it comes to keeping our building and grounds in shape. The real extent of his contributions is probably unrecognized except by those who need a breaker reset or a faucet fixed or a light bulb replaced. Nearly every event comes with a bunch of "Where's Dennis" cries. Be sure to say a kind "thanks" to him whenever you see him. Having said all that.... The Association needs for someone(s) to volunteer to "study at the feet of the master" and learn all the peccadilloes and oddities of our facility, first, to give Dennis some much-needed help; and, second, to guard against the time when he might be less than superb. Anyone???

The left lane is never the fastest. The right lane is never the fastest. If there are only two lanes, you're screwed!

HOBBY CLUB

As usual, Hobby Club members spent a quiet summer working on items for various needy organizations and keeping Wednesday Mornings fresh for the return of our Northern friends. Very soon, we will be planning and preparing for our Annual Arts and Crafts Show and Sale, on November 19th. This is an excellent opportunity to find one-of-a-kind Holiday gifts for folks that are hard to buy for. See the next Newsletter for more details.

The Saint James City Hobby Club every Wednesday morning from 9:00 to 11:30 to learn, teach and share good fellowship. Won't you join us?

Florida has "flyovers". These are designed to get you to the next stop light sooner. These are not to be confused with "sleepovers" which often occur while waiting at that stoplight.

Exercise Classes

If you have managed to put off that New Years resolution to get in shape until now, Jodee Nelson's aerobic exercise program might be a place to start. Classes run year round with sessions added as the seasonal residents return. Call Jodee at 283-4790 to check the current schedule.

Florida law requires that doctors schedule 80% of their appointments for 9AM, 1PM or 4PM, assuring maximum road use and toll collection during rush hours.

Building Rental

Jodee Nelson has taken over coordinating rentals of the Center for special events and occasions. You can contact her or go to our website for more information.

Love bugs are a fact of life in Florida. Get used to it! Rumor is they are being tested at Florida State as adhesives and paint remover,

LOSS...AND OPPORTUNITY

We have been informed by the From Our hearts people that they will not be holding the From Our Hearts festival at the SJCCA facility They thanked us for the years of successful partnership, but are moving to Phillips Park where they have more space for vendors and parking We wish them well in this new direction.

This frees up a prime Saturday in March so please think of what we could do with it. Contact any Board Member with your ideas.

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

The monthly schedule of activities is e-mailed monthly to the Activity Leaders and to the Pine Island Eagle for posting. It is also posted on the outside bulletin board at the Civic Center entrances. Please submit any changes, additions to Shari Perkins by the 20th of each month (perkshari@hotmail.com).

U-turns are legal in Florida, except where they are not. If you get confused, the kindly person in the car with flashing red lights will explain it to you

Volunteers Needed

We left off last spring needing a volunteer to coordinate the Potluck suppers on the 1st and 3rd Mondays Guess what – we still need someone. Without a coordinator, Potluck will cease to exist. It's not a hard job – mostly passing the key and a few instructions to the hostesses of the month. We are also going to need volunteer kitchen workers and servers for the Big Breakfast on November 19th. Due to prior commitments, the Head Cook and Dishwasher (yours truly) will not be available to hound y'all into working. So, volunteer when you are asked, or even before!

Don't bother trying to miss the school busses. They're on the road the move from sparrow chirp to frog croak. Even without kids, they keep them moving because there's no place to park them.

E-Addresses Needed

Please consider providing the Association with your e-mail address. Besides saving postage for the newsletter, it provides a way to send special news and alerts. Just recently we were able to warn our e-mail readers of a known scam artist group working on the Island.

Editorial: My life is beginning to feel like a new version of an old song:

The ankle bone gets fixed and then the knee bone;

The knee bone gets fixed and then the hip bone;

The hip bone gets fixed and then the back bone

The back bone on hold to check the neck bone

On the positive side, I'm developing a first-name relationship with some nice x-ray and imaging techs and learning a lot about human anatomy.

As mentioned earlier, Ann and I will be late getting down this year because a granddaughter is getting married after T-day. We'll miss the Fall Festival and possibly the Holiday dinner as well, depending on my orthopedic's schedule. But, as Ann reminds me, we are all like reeds in a pond – pull one out and the pond quickly fills the hole.

Bill Brabbs

Board Certified Curmudgeon