

Saint James Civic Association Newsletter

January, 2012

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For Membership call 283-0242

E-mail us at: membership@sjccapi.org

Hobby Club Celebrates 50th Wednesday, January 11th 10:00 AM

Yes, you can have your cake and eat it, too! Come to Hobby Club's BIG FIVE - O, (SJCCA is bringing the cake) on Wednesday at 10:00 am. Enjoy cake and coffee while Hobby Clubbers show off their skills, display their scrapbooks, and share their stories.

Founding members of Hobby Club also founded SJCCA. Festivals, chicken dinners and vendor events have succeeded because of the energy and volunteer spirit of this club. Let's honor our longest continuously operating club and the second oldest one in the whole state of Florida. **Plenty of cake for all who come to wish Hobby "Happy 50th Birthday!"**

Life is like an ice cream cone: you have to learn to lick it.

From the President:

A big Thank You to the December Christmas Dinner Volunteers and to SJCCA Membership. We served 210 meals, renewed lots of memberships, enjoyed the meal, and kicked off "the season".

Ruth Shreve won the \$100 Money Tree! Kudos to the House Band put together by Alan Bickford. Special thanks go to Kristen Bartlett and Steve Smith-Head Kitchen Honchos for the event-who have helped us so generously with their time, concern and expertise.

Thanks to all who helped :

Laurie & Rich Dockus, Jodee Nelson, Jackie Hainen, Josie Ferguson, Ruth Shreve, Ross Halbleib, Deb Strawbridge, Shari Perkins, Jo Anne Niven & Fred Jamsen, Jan Ramsey, Donna Smith, John & Judy Nyhus, Sharon & Mike Astle, Jim Lorah, Bonnie Love, Irene S, Lynne Smith, Doug Fix, Chuck Felt, Denny & Ruth Ward, Jim Dolph, Ellie Fenyohazi, Phil & Joan Rosenberg, Donna

Martin, Edna La Vigne, Pat Thomas, Harold Hilaski & Sondra Carstens. (Hope I didn't miss anyone.) Let's pull together once again by volunteering for the Winter Festival Breakfast on Saturday, January 28th. Look for the sign-up sheets on the bulletin board.

Please give a "thank you" to all of your activity directors. Their presence makes it possible for us to enjoy our Card games, Hobbies, Arts, Exercise, Bingo, Ping Pong, Shuffleboard – more than 20 weekly events as well as 4 or 5 special events per month.

On behalf of the SJCCA Board of Directors and the membership, here's wishing **YOU** a Healthy and Happy 2012 and a fun season at the club.

Sharon Astle, President of the Board of Directors

I would have won, but I got off to a bad finish.

Annual Meeting Board Members Election

On January 16th, SJCCA will have its Annual Meeting, budget report and election for the Board of Directors. Directors are elected for a 3 year term on a rotation basis. This year, Hobby Club has re-nominated B. J. Austin to serve; Bill Brabbs has been re-nominated; Kristen Bartlett has been nominated and has agreed to serve. Right now, that leaves an open spot on the slate. You needn't be a full-time resident to serve. With modern electronic communication, seasonal Directors stay connected and even vote by e-mail. Call any current Board Member, or place your name in a nomination from the floor.

Ten minutes before you go to a party is no time to be learning to dance.

HOTSHOTS PHOTOGRAPHY

Come give it your best shot on the 2nd and 4th Monday nights at SJCCA. On Monday January 9th, nationally renowned artist Peg Cullen will show us the principles of composition and design. Peg has agreed to offer a gentle critique of any photo brought to this meeting (via flash drive or hard copy.) Meet The Winners of the 3RD ANNUAL HOTSHOTS PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION. The **HotShots Photo Club** invites anyone who wants to join a Field Shoot on Sanibel Island to meet at Winn Dixie, carpool to Sanibel for a shoot, lunch, and then a visit to the Clyde Butcher Photography Exhibit at Big Arts (no charge) on Wednesday January 11th. Contact David Priest at 239-282-2216.

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,, 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 _____

Club Notes:

The **Order of the Golden Brush** invites Artists of all capabilities and interests to attend Tuesday morning painting sessions starting at 10:00 am at Civic Center. This season, we'll sponsor workshops with accomplished and renown instructors. For information, contact Linda Selleck at 283-5207.

The St. James City Hobby Club

Hobby Club meets every Wednesday morning at 9:00 and all are welcome to join and share, learn or just socialize.

When you're depressed, it helps to lean your head on your arm and stare into space—if you're unusually depressed, you may have to change arms.

"PICKIN' IN THE CITY"
Sunday Jan 8th, 22nd
2 to 5 pm

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 Feb 26th

Being crabby all day makes you hungry!

SPEAKER

Randy Dorsey of Dorsey and Associates will speak about Estate Planning and Revocable Trusts at the January 16th Annual Meeting after elections. Bring your questions.

Joggers have to be careful—it's easy to run into a barbed comment.

PING PONG

We have had great response at ping pong!! We have 2 tables set up for doubles competition and the players are having a great time. Come on out and join the fun on Mondays and Fridays 10 am. Call Cindy for more details 282-9478.

Art Expo

Mark your calendars for Feb. 24 and 25 to enjoy Art Expo 2012 here at the Center. Deadline for entries is January 6th. Contact Mary Ann Harms (283-5337 for information

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Annual Membership Meeting
Monday January 16th, Seven PM

Program: SJCCA Budget/Elections;
Dorsey on Estate Planning

POTLUCK LIVES ON!

Helen Gambee is coordinator for our bi-monthly Pot Luck meals. This is a fun time and good eats. Pot Lucks are the first and third Mondays of each month. The group assembles about 5:30 and starts eating promptly at 6PM (after poaching on the desserts!) 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.

Life is easier if you only dread one day at a time.

2012 MEMBERSHIP

Membership supports SJCCA building and grounds maintenance. Again this month, a membership renewal application is included in this newsletter. If you haven't done so already--clip it, fill it out, and send it to the address on the other side (handy, Huh?) along with your money. You may collect your card from your activity leader or the box at the center. Don't let your activity fee double; be sure you are a 2012 member!

There's a difference between a philosophy and a bumper sticker.

Women to Women

Gal pal TGIF on the first and third Fridays. We have a topic for discussion on first Fridays: January 6th—Share your New Year's Tradition or Resolution--and a program or speaker on the second Friday. Enjoy conversation, giggles and a shared secret with other SJCCA women over a glass of wine or tea from 3:30 – 5:00 pm.

Never lie in bed at night asking yourself questions you cannot answer

Fall Festival/ Breakfast Sat Jan 28th.

See all of your favorite Vendors, the Blue Grass House Band and Island Frank Music. Excellent all you can eat breakfast, lots of coffee and other beverages. Vendors contact Cindy for your booth inside or outside 282-9478.

Editorial: For the third month in a row, Bill Brabbs is in Ohio. He had back surgery mid-December and is now in recovery/ therapy. Thus **no note** from

Bill Brabbs Board Certified Curmudgeon