

SJCCA April 2013: sjccapi.org

Our Fiftieth Season

Membership 239-910-3203

E-mail us at: membership@sjccapi.org

SJCCA Sunday/ Fun Day April 14

Doors open 1:30, Play 2:00pm, Prizes 4:30pm

Vulcan Stove Died -- Help us cook next year!

Tickets \$10 per person donation 282-9478.

Includes one **door prize** ticket—you do not have to be present to win!!

Snack-type Refreshments included.

Beer, Wine, and Sodas for a Donation

Play for Prizes: Bunko; Mah Jongg; Party Bridge;

Black Jack; Poker; other Casino Game

Shuffleboard; Euchere, Cribbage; Pinochle

SJCCA is located at 3300 Fourth Avenue (Fourth and Lemon Streets) in the heart of St. James City.

Forget Newton and Galileo: Real Laws of Nature Any tool, nut, bolt, screw--when dropped-- will roll into the most inaccessible corner.

Still Here! Year Round Activities

Artisans/Crafters year-round Weds 9:00am welcome at SJCCA **Hobby:** Pres. Rebecca Murray 352-356-1123.

Bingo: "We'll keep it open as long as possible," says Norm Shreeve. "Watch the newspaper." Wed doors open at 5:00pm

Bridge year round: **Friday Night Party**, Bonnie Love 222-0888; **Happy Islander's Monday Bridge**, Sandy McClinton 471-7704; **Wednesday Slam Bidders** call Dottie Kernaghan 283-8889; Tuesday **Duplicate** through April: Call Ross 282-0012.

Exercise: All year long with Jodee, certified Instructor: M, T, Th, F; travelagentjodee@yahoo.com.

Mah Jongg open all-year, call Pat Johnsen 283-8368

Order of the Golden Brush Art year round contact Linda Selleck 283-5207 or Melissa 283-5203.

Ping Pong year round : Cindy 239-282-9478.

Hotshots Potluck April 8th doors open 4:30; potluck 5:00pm contact David Priest 282-9478 through May.

Shuffleboard Through April Richard Cleenput 283-4640

Women to Women 1st and 3rd Fridays through April contact ramsey9786@att.net; or travelagentjodee@yahoo.com;

Accessory swap on 1st Friday, Favorite travels April 19th and perhaps another kayak trip April 26th.

Real Laws of Nature If you don't feel well, make an appointment to go to the doctor. You'll feel better by the time you get there. But if you don't make the appointment, you'll stay sick. This gets proven over and over with children and pediatricians.

Order of the Golden Brush has been meeting at SJCCA for 40-plus years. Everyone with an interest in exploring their inner artist is welcome Tuesdays 10-1 or workshops below:

April 9th Artist Joan Roberts--a workshop exploring the graceful, romantic, impressionistic style.

April 16th--Debroah Zwetsch instructs silk-scarf painting with chair yoga! Open to all. Schedule with Mary Ann Harms 239-2839337

2013 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 _____

Real Laws of Nature-- Law of Mechanical Repair: After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch and you'll have to go to the toilet.

Thanks, Recognition, and a Request to You!

To commemorate our 50th Season, SJCCA began a weather-proof lanai expansion. Now SJCCA must use Vanguard savings for a major "Fix" as the forty-five-year-old Vulcan Stove cannot be repaired--no Vulcan parts or after-market parts available. The board has ordered a new Vulcan Stove and has planned a Sunday Fun-Day fund raiser. **Do you have a Door Prize you would donate** (a new item) **for April 14th Sunday Fun-Day?** Call Cindy at 282-9478.

All gifts are appreciated at SJCCA. We have received gifts of cardstock, photo-paper and copy paper so that cards and tickets you purchase are expense free. In 2013, Waterfront Restaurant, Low Key Tiki, Hobos, Ragged Ass, Sandy Hook, Two Fish Inn, Winn Dixie, Salon L.A, Belle's Secret Spa, Artist Rachi Farrow, Golden Brush, and TravelagentJodee@yahoo.com have supported us with gift certificates and art.

Please **Thank your Activity Leader** today since he/she must be at SJCCA even on the days you don't come. Thank your writers for the publicity. Thank our kitchen team--led by K.B. and Stephen; Mimosa Hostess Jodee; special events chairs Mary Ann Harms, B. J., and Shelley McManus; Buzz LaPlante on Snack Bar; Cindy and P. I. Sound; Golden Brush for Art Workshops, and Bingo's Norm Shreeve.

Thanks for YOUR gift of time, money, or your leadership and follow-up participation. Now, let's honor our **50th Season Century Club Givers.**

\$1,000 Gifts: Dennis Ward and Ruth Ward, each.

\$500 Gifts: Mary W. Hollway.

\$250 Gifts: Sharon & Mike Astle; Marilyn Polen; Lynn Sarda & Sal Anastasio; Linn & Pat Hynds.

\$100 Gifts: Clara McKnight; Ross & Mary Halbleib; Gabriella & George Fenyohazi; Slam Bidders Bridge Club; Joyce Coryell; Alma Wilcox.

Donations in Memory of Ruth Ward Total \$1,070:

Ross and Mary Halbleib; Kay and Bill Winter; Sharon and Mike Astle; Gay Cable; Tom Corwin; Anonymous; Bob and Martha Peyer; Jackie and Jim Hainen; Susan & Robert Gibson; Edward & Marion Dowd; Charles & Margaret Felt; Marjorie & Myron Smith; Bill & Bonnie Love; Delbert and Jane Ann Pace; Anonymous; Robert Newsome.

SJCCA welcomes any contribution, but a Century Club donation is posted on the bulletin board.

Let us hear from you on **En-visioning SJCCA in 2018**--the hard copy surveys are by the Ladies Room.

Sincerely for the SJCCA Board of Directors,
Sharon Lee Astle, President

Real Laws of Nature When the body is fully immersed in the bath, the telephone rings.

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Dennis Ward: Reminiscences of St James City Civic Association

by Lynne Mayhew

Since 1989, Dennis Ward has been an active member of the St James City Civic Association. He has held every office and has been the Treasurer since 2004. He is head of the building and grounds committee and has served in that capacity for many years laboring along-side hardworking people who love to volunteer. During this period he has made many close friends.

Even though he didn't have a hand at building each annex, he has always been interested in SJCCA history. Dennis recalled how the building was added onto four times. "I called the Lee County Permit Department to find out the dates of each annex, but their records don't go back before 1986," he said. He remembers when the floors didn't always match when a section was added. Because the floor sloped down in the bingo section, it was eventually leveled and retiled.

When the asphalt roof needed replacing, Dennis went online and discovered aluminum shingles that could go over the existing roof. The labor was all volunteer. Dennis and the men worked the month of January, 2003, from 8-11 each morning. "I remember how my wife, Ruth, and Rose Dekker would both get on the roof and bring piles of shingles to the men. In order to get a permit we paid a licensed contractor to order the materials in his name. When we asked for an inspection, I was standing on top of the roof and I saw the inspector driving down 4th Ave. He just slowed down, took a look at the roof and never got out of his car. He approved it. I remember Frank Rafferty putting on a steak dinner for all of the volunteers after the inspection."

According to Dennis, Frank Rafferty was the person responsible for arranging LCEC to install the street lights in front of the building. Also, he introduced "snack night" at Bingo. "He loved to shop food and charged \$2.00 for a simple meal and could still make a profit. His wife, Jean, was great with fund raising and could sell refrigerators to an Eskimo." Dennis recounted the tragic story of Jean, how she died as a result from a fall in the bathroom. Sadly, her husband Frank died six months later.

On a more cheerful note he remembers Jean Rafferty mostly for organizing amateur shows for adults and kids at the Civic Association. "I remember George Grossellfinger, a teacher from Long Island and a fishing guide, who really had talent. He was a composer, sang and played the banjo." These were some great times.

Another good friend was Charlie Rich who in 1996-98, organized dances on Saturday nights to get the teenagers involved. When Charlie and his wife Mary moved back up north after being members of the SJCCA for twenty years, Dennis remembers how Charlie just cried because they had to leave Pine Island.

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It was Charlie and Don Knoll who built the wooden tables that were utilized for many years. Dennis recalled how Boots Kataherny put them to good use. "She bought day old bread and dried it on the tables. She would place paper cups under the legs and fill the cups with water to keep the ants from the table. Women volunteers would get their dry bread and bring it back as dressing. Boots would then mix it all together and add her secret spices. She was a wonderful cook. She kept the spice formula to herself and would turn in a receipt for \$3.54 for spices. In those days we were fixing twenty-two turkeys a year. Ruth and I did run the Christmas dinners for several years and worked at breakfasts. Ruth and Rose Dekker were the egg crackers."

Dennis recalls Tom Dekker, from Michigan, when he was in charge of maintenance. "He was an excellent contractor and highly skilled. He built the small countertop in the kitchen and handled the venting over the stove." Together, Tom and Dennis shingled the sheds with the leftover aluminum from the roofing project. Dennis assisted Wayne Harms who laid the ceramic tile in the kitchen. The newest purchase will be a new stove that Dennis has ordered. Dennis remembers when railroad ties were added to the Adam's Mound, where the septic system is, because the neighborhood kids thought it was a great place to ride their bikes up and down the bank. It worked.

An avid bridge player, Dennis played Friday night bridge for years and has run the Tuesday duplicate bridge for the past ten or twelve years. He recalls in 1996, when Mary Thomas, a bridge player, told Tony George and him that because everyone is "getting old" that they needed to be on the board. Dennis was made head of maintenance that October and he and Tony were officially elected in December.

Politics and changes happen with any organization. One year, Dennis recalled how Boots Kataherny became President by default. "She just took over because the President wasn't calling meetings and performing as he should," Dennis said. He then thought it should be her name on the brass plate recognizing Presidents and not the existing President. Not everyone agreed with Dennis, but Boots Kataherny's name is on a brass plate.

If you have SJCCA Memories, place them on our Memory Board (in the hall) or e-mail lmayhew264@embarqmail.com

Saint James City Civic Association
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**General Meeting: April 15 at 7pm
Florida DOT Reps Discuss the
Widening of Pine Island Road**