



St. James City Civic Assn  
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## Newsletter December 2016

For more information about our ongoing activities, visit our web site: [www.siccapi.org](http://www.siccapi.org)  
Got news? Send to [SJCCANews@gmail.com](mailto:SJCCANews@gmail.com)  
The next newsletter will be published January 1.  
Submit your news by 12/26/2016

At 7 pm, on December 19th, we are honored to host Dr. David Gobble at our monthly Membership Meeting. David Gobble PhD, CHES, director of masterpiece Living, LLC Academy & Director and Professor Emeritus, Fisher Institute for wellness and gerontology, Ball State University, Muncie Indiana. Dr Gobble has delivered hundreds of presentations on health, wellness and aging . He is a highly regarded keynote speaker. His talks both entertain and provide solid health and wellness information.

The meeting is preceded by a potluck at 6 pm  
Come join us, bring a dish to share, and your table setting.

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Island Crafters first meeting; December 7th, will host Donna Cook, with a "Gifts from the Garden" demonstration. We will be learning to use common plant materials in lovely and uncommon ways, with focus on Holiday designs. Donna is a 20 yr resident of Pine Island; a transplant from Atlanta, she has been gardening here for many years. She says "I love the creative aspect of using everyday landscape materials to create unique and easy floral designs." Donna is a longtime member of the Pine Island Garden Club, and has conducted floral demonstrations throughout Lee county. Island Crafters meets every Wednesday morning from 9-11:30. All are welcome; \$2.00 for members and \$4.00 for nonmembers. Come join the fun, we'll be decorating our center for our Holiday dinner.

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Bingo - Any interest in reviving BINGO? If you would like to be involved, please contact Paula at [paulabrucknersjccapi@gmail.com](mailto:paulabrucknersjccapi@gmail.com)

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The annual Valentine Card Party will be held on Wednesday February 15, 2017. It was a huge success last year netting \$1,800 for the Civic Center. So mark your calendar and come join us. It will be hosted again by the Wednesday Bridge and Thursday Mah Jongg.

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The Cribbage group will start Thursday, January 5th, at 6:45. All players are welcome. Come out and have some fun.

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Ping Pong is every Monday and Thursday at 9:30 (or 8:30 for the early birds out there). Single and doubles play, depending on the number of players. \$2 for members, \$4 for non-members. For more information call Cindy at 282-9478.

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The Book Club's next meeting Monday Dec 12, 9:30 am. Members and non members alike are invited to share a good read and to join in a friendly book discussion: Major Pettigrew's Last Stand, by Helen Simonson. Set in an English village, two people who have lost loved ones come together to begin a new chapter in their lives. Dealing with loss, friendship, love, and prejudice, the author explores these topics with sensitivity. The book is available as an ebook, as a hardcover or paperback, or through the public library system. Morning munchies will be served along with coffee and tea. Please join us for nourishment, camaraderie, and an enjoyable time as we travel with Helen Simonson through loss, love, and courage.

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**GOLDEN BRUSH**

Find your crayons, pencils, paints and brushes!  
Our painting group welcomes novices and accomplished artists on Tuesday morning from 10-1:00. Workshops sponsored by Golden Brush are announced on the SJCCA website. On January 17, Joan Roberts returns. On January 28, Roy Fuller will lead a Saturday big brush watercolor workshop.

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Easy Does It Line Dancing for Beginners meets every Monday, from 4 – 5:30. Come enjoy yourself and move to the music as we dance to a variety of music: country, old rock 'n roll, pop, hip hop, and even a show tune or two. Let your inner dancer out! No experience necessary; no partner needed; class includes men and women with 2 left feet. Bring a pair of comfortable shoes that you can move in. For more information call Chris at 810-694- 8174. \$5 for members, \$7 for non-members.

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Reminder: Our Holiday Dinner is Dec 10th, 11:30-1 and free to 2016/2017 members. Bring your own fine China and silver place settings. There is still time to volunteer. Sign up to help on the bulletin board or email at [info@SJCCAPI.org](mailto:info@SJCCAPI.org). Consider bringing a non perishable item for the Pine Island Food Pantry. We have a collection box in the building. Many of our members find it convenient to renew their membership when they come for dinner.

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SJCCA Board Announcements:

\*\*\*We are an all volunteer organization, and without our volunteers, we are nothing. Hug a volunteer, &/or be one today!\*\*\*

\*\*\*By-Law Amendment: notice to membership The board has passed an amendment as follows:

Article V: Board of Directors Sec. 6. Allow E-Vote to be presented by the President, or by appointed representative, to the Board of Directors via email for simple decisions that are easily handled. If further discussion of issue is requested by 3 or more board members it will be tabled until a meeting can be held. E-Vote will be presented with a time limit of 48hrs for response with time/date clearly stated on request for vote i.e. Respond by 4pm on \_\_\_/\_\_\_ date. If a quorum is met, results will be tallied with results sent to each board member within the next 24hrs. Above will be documented, including each board member's vote, to be presented and included in next Board Meeting Minutes.

\*\*\*We will be electing 4 new board members at the Annual Meeting in January. We are looking for wonderful civic minded folks to put their hat in the ring to run for a board position. If you know anyone you would like to nominate please contact our Nominating Chair Paula Bruckner at 516-729-3382 email [paulabrucknersjccapi@gmail.com](mailto:paulabrucknersjccapi@gmail.com)

\*\*\*An additional group, called The Diversity Interest group (AKA DIG), will begin meeting at the SJCCA next month. The purpose of creating DIG is to foster an awareness of and appreciation for diversity, and to promote inclusion in our community. We hope to have monthly meetings, guest speakers and field trips starting in January. Paula Bruckner is the contact person for DIG (516-729-3382, [paulabrucknersjccapi@gmail.com](mailto:paulabrucknersjccapi@gmail.com)).

\*\*\*Fall Festival: Thank you to all our very hardworking volunteers! The rummage sale cleared \$1745, and the Big Breakfast added \$735 to our operating funds. We had to replace the garbage disposal; please be kind to it.

\*\*\*Membership Notes: We had 410 members the 2016 season. To date, 130 have renewed, and we have 20 new members. Be sure to renew your membership in time to participate in our holiday/Christmas dinner on December 10!

\*\*\*Help wanted: We are looking for someone to take over as Membership Chairman. Some computer skills are needed. Contact Shelley for more information at [sksmcmanus@yahoo.com](mailto:sksmcmanus@yahoo.com) or 239-910-3203.

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Two big concerts are already scheduled for this season. Last year, these were a hit and good money makers for SJCCA. Let's get this new floor fund growing!

Sunday, Jan 22, Uproot Hootenanny is returning for a concert at 6 pm. Last year everyone had nothing but positive comments about their performance. Their music is a blend of bluegrass, folk, country, Irish, and original tunes. Tickets are \$20, with limited seating. We expect to sell out, so get your tickets soon. Call Cindy 282-9478.

Sunday, Feb 12, John Reno returns with American Pie Revisited concert. Songs from the 70's including tunes from Paul Simon, Neil Diamond, Gordon Lightfoot, Jim Croce, Don McLean, and more will be featured. Get your tickets now, \$20 each. Call Cindy for details and tickets, 282-9478.

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Tribute to Phil Buchanan: On Sunday, January 15, from 4-6 pm, the SJCCA will host a Celebration of Life for the late Phil Buchanan, who died on May 19. Phil was well known on Pine Island. During the past 20 years, among other things, he served as president of the Calusa Land Trust, was a pro bono legal adviser to the GPICA, and was a spokesman for the Pine Island Plan. He served on the Lee County Conservation 20/20 management sub-committee, the Density Reduction/Groundwater Recharge Committee, was a champion of "smart growth" and served as animal rescue volunteer for Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife (C.R.O.W.).

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A note from Jim Hainen: I wanted to let everyone know that Jackie Hainen passed away Oct. 30. We have been members of the Civic Association for over 20 years. Our winter home is 2951 Binnacle Lane, Cherry Estates. She now is in Heaven sitting at the right hand of God and will not be able to cook a turkey this year. I will return in December.

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Also, with sadness, we lost another hero of the SJCCA this summer, Jack Kershli affectionately known as "My Sweetie". Beloved husband of our own Linda Selleck. Jack left Linda with many wonderful memories and many dear friends throughout the Eastern United States. He will be sorely missed by all

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**BOOSTER CLUB**

This year the Booster Club is undertaking an ambitious project in which we need your help. We are trying to raise enough money to replace the floor in the Big Room at the Civic Center, one of the projects in the Long Range Plan. The Booster Club is off to a great start, with over \$700.00 raised to date.

There will be two opportunities to help:

1. Pocket change --pennies are welcome. Each activity group will have a collection jar to fill at their regular meetings with your contributions. (We also accept checks.)
2. Raffle tickets are for sale. Prizes include gift certificates from local restaurants. Tickets cost \$10, or buy 3 for \$25.00. Let's all pitch in and get this done!

Thanks for your support.

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Check out the SJCCA website