

Saint James City Civic Association Newsletter

February, 2010

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For Membership Call 283-8794

WINTER FESTIVAL - WOW!!

Go Figure! Despite rain, a competing block long yard sale right next door and events all over the Island, both our Rummage Sale and Breakfast set new records for attendance and much-needed income. Naomi sums it up nicely:

PINE ISLAND FOLKS CAME THROUGH AGAIN

Responding to our Rummage Sale items being swiped from our storage shed, the GOOD FOLKS of Pine Island brought in enough items to replace the amount stolen. Thanks to all of our great HELPERS, DONORS, and CUSTOMERS, our January 23rd RUMMAGE SALE was OUR BEST SALE EVER !

I'll echo that for the breakfast crew! A great crew of old experienced hands and new faces made serving a record crowd look simple and pleasant. Special thanks to BJ Austin and the Hobby for handling the host/ hostess effort.

I went to the bookstore and asked where the self-help section was. She said if she told me it would defeat the purpose!

Congratulations Hotshots!

SJCCA Hotshots Photography Club entered 35 of 188 photos in the Punta Gorda Photo Arts Expo 2010, SW Florida's largest photo show, and WON 7 of 28 awards. Ron Mayhew won 2 Honorable mentions, a second place and Best of Show. Carol Hoyem, Sharon Astle and Randy King won Honorable Mention Ribbons. Next Hotshots meeting is Monday Feb 8th 7PM at the Civic Center. Bring your SJCCA membership card, \$1.00 and your camera, manual and some of your photos to share. The program will include a discussion of taking award winning photos and making them better in the computer. The next photo shoot/field trip will be Art Night, Friday, Feb 12, in Matlacha.

If a deaf child signs swear words, does his mother wash his hands with soap?

POT LUCK

With the return of our seasonal folks, attendance is growing. We had 30 fun-loving people last meeting, with a delicious variety of food, **Everyone is welcome** to join us on the **FIRST AND THIRD MONDAYS** each month. We gather at 5:30, to chat and solve the world's problems, then eat at 6:00. Just bring plates and tools and a dish to pass or dessert (maybe both - we love desserts!). The first Monday of the month we play card bingo. The 3rd Monday is the SJCCA membership meeting night so you can dine out with us and then stay for the meeting and program..

Why do they lock gas station restrooms? Are they afraid someone will clean them?

ELECTION RESULTS

Following a vigorous but ethical campaign, the results are in. All incumbents on the Board held their positions! Linda Selleck was elected to the vacant position by a commanding margin. The current slate of Officers and Board members is as follows, with phone numbers in case you want to congratulate the winners:

Office	Name	Phone
President	Mary Ann Harms	283-9337
V. Pres.	Phil Rosenberg	283-3871
Treasurer	Dennis Ward	283-3740
Secretary	Sharon Astle	283-7141
	John Nyhus	283-9306
	Bill Brabbs	283-8484
	Betty (BJ) Austin	283-6145
	Shari Perkins	283-8794
	Garth Moreau	292-1073
	Petie Havey	282-2524
	Linda Selleck	283-5207

A list of Committee assignments will follow next month, after the arm-wrestling is complete.

What do you do when you see an endangered animal eating an endangered plant??

Women to Women

The SJCCA Women to Women pilot program kicked off with 29 attendees. SJCCA women are invited **3-5pm Fridays Feb 5, Feb 19, Mar 5, Mar 19** for Specialty Drinks (Virgin or Alcoholic) and for "giggles" with gal pals. Association members can bring a guest.

*How is it possible to have a Civil War?
What was the best thing before sliced bread?*

Century Club

Last month, we announced the formation of the Century Club, a fund-raising effort seeking gifts to rebuild the Civic Association's dwindling reserves and assure long-term stability. We pointed out that the average cost to keep our Center up and operating is about \$100 a day. Response has been very positive. The following members have enrolled with a gift of \$100 or more:

- Petie Stone Havey Dennis Ward
- Ruth Ward; Mary Ann Harms;
- Wayne Harms Mary Lynn Sarda
- Salvatore Anastasio Homer Dangler
- Frances Dangler Ann Brabbs
- Bill Brabbs Michael Astle
- Sharon Astle Anonymous

All gifts are welcome, large or small and all givers will be recognized. Contact Sharon Astle (283-7121 or Mary Ann Harms (283-9337) for more information.

*Why is it called tourist season if you can't shoot at them?
If you try to fail and succeed, which have you done?*

Golden Brushes

The Order of Golden Brushes exhibited their handiwork and greeted novice and experienced painters at the Kiwanis-sponsored Taste of Pine Island on Sunday, January 24. We hope to encourage more artists of any skill level to join us at the Center **Tuesday mornings at 10:00AM**. We provide a relaxed and supportive atmosphere to practice and polish your skills in your favorite medium Drop by and observe or call Linda Selleck at 283-5207 for details

*Why is there an expiration date on sour cream?
Atheism is a non-prophet organization.*

HOBBY CLUB NEWS

Hobby Club would like to thank everyone who attended our Vendor's Venture, Bill Brabbs and his crew did a fantastic job on breakfast, a delicious lunch was served and it was a great day all around. We are now preparing for our annual **Valentine's Day Game party and Luncheon, February 10th**. This event features a delicious hot lunch and lots of raffles and door prizes! This is always a sellout, so round up a group of friends for your favorite table game and call Dixie Smegal-283-7254 for tickets.

Then mark your calendars for our **March 6th Craft Show and Salad Bar Lunch**. More about this in the next Newsletter. If you'd like to learn more about Hobby Club, come to the Civic Center any Wednesday morning between 8:30 and 11.

One nice thing about egotists: They don't gossip about other people.

AARP Tax Aide Program

Volunteers will be at the Civic Center on Tuesdays to help low income, elderly, and disabled individuals file their income taxes. **Appointments are necessary**. Call the Civic Center, 283-0242, press 2 after the message/beep, and leave your name and phone number; someone will call you to set up an appointment, OR you can send your name and phone number in an e-mail to: tax.aide.sjc@gmail.com. There are lots of appointment spaces available in early February. March fills up quickly, so if you have your forms, **DO IT NOW!!!**

Where do forest rangers go to "get away from it all"?

Opportunity Knocks!

We are still looking for volunteers to step forward and take over the Festival Rummage sales as Naomi and Jim retire. This is an opportunity for a couple, or perhaps two couples to make a big contribution to our Civic Center. It's really a well organized, turn-key operation, and the Brewers have agreed to support and advise as needed. Call any Board member to volunteer.

If one synchronized swimmer drowns, do the rest have to drown too?

More Opportunities

Space does not permit highlighting all the great activities going on at the Center. Check your Activities Schedule (it's on the fridge, next to the grandkids' pictures, right?) and find some that you will enjoy.

*Is there a synonym for "synonym"?
Would a fly without wings be called a walk?*

An "Old" Theme

Secrets to Successful Aging is the topic for our **February 15th** monthly meeting. David Gobble, Director of Masterpiece Living Academy will discuss the factors of growing old and the concepts of aging. The four **M**'s of his presentation are **M**oving, **M**anaging, **M**ingling and **M**eaning. We are all aging, thank goodness, so this should be an interesting and educational meeting for all of us. The meeting and presentation start at 7:00 PM. All persons, young at heart and getting older, are welcome. Bring your friends and neighbors along.

If the police arrest a mime, do they tell him he has a right to speak?

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Editorial: As some of you know, your editor is scheduled for knee replacement this month. I can't complain, since the knee was pronounced hopeless a decade ago. I feel lucky that I will benefit from the improvements in procedure and hardware in that 10 years. Everyone learning of my upcoming adventure has been sympathetic and supportive. Those who have been through it (and that's a lot!) stress the need for strict attention to rehab and how great it is afterwards – **well** afterwards. Of course, a lot of folks also finish up with a sad tale of a friend or relative whose operation turned out badly. Curious?

But don't feel sorry for me – save that for Ann, who will be my caregiver. I am not a good patient! My normally jovial and carefree demeanor seems to disappear in the recovery room. I have been known to remove my own IV, get dressed and walk out to the desk to find out when

I was going home. I've tied a knot in that little oxygen tube that seems intended to dehydrate your sinuses. Once, I decided to hold my breath in pre-op to see how low I could get my blood oxygen level. I set off the alarm and got a nose tube for my effort – won't do that again!

The good news is I expect to be back at the computer in time for the March Newsletter. Stay tuned!

Bill Brabbs – Board Certified Curmudgeon

If Ann is my "caregiver". does that mean I am a "caretaker"?

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Thank you for electing to receive the Newsletter by E-mail. It does make a difference to the Center and we hope it helps you as well.