

Saint James City Civic Association

Newsletter

March, 2010

For Membership:

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It's Spring
Festival Time!!
March 13, 2010

This is the biggie of our season, when we join forces with From Our Hearts to achieve the largest festival in Saint James City. Some of the events are:

- **5K & 1 MILE WALKS** – Registration @ 7:30 AM, walk starts 8:30 AM
- **BIG BREAKFAST** from 8:00 till about 10:30 – Our usual SJCCA breakfast, featuring all you can eat for only 5 bucks.
- **RUMMAGE SALE & FLEA MARKET** -7:30 till 11:00 AM
- **MUSIC, RAFFLES, PRIZES AND GAMES** - all day, sponsored by From Our Hearts
- **BINGO** -There will be a special bingo game following the Rummage Sale at the spring festival being held on March 13th. It will start about 1:00 P.M. and continue as long as there are enough interested players. The games will once again feature "Bingo Babes".

(For more information about the From Our Hearts program, watch the Eagle or visit their website From Our Hearts.com)

Parking!! One of the problems we've had in past combined Spring Festivals and Breast Fests is the lack of parking. This year we have arranged to have some additional parking space. The Bank of Naples is allowing us to park in the area just east of Palm Avenue, between fourth and fifth streets. There will be attendants provided by Breast Fest to guide the parking. Drivers might consider dropping passengers off and then having the driver park and walk to the center.

There will also be a limited number of spaces for handicap parking at the southeast corner of the Civic Center building

Nothing sucks more than that moment in an argument when you realize you are wrong!

Naomi Writes:

A great big **THANK YOU** to all who brought in items for our Museum of the Islands rummage sale last week. Also to the buyers and all the workers, without whom it would be impossible to have a successful sale. The Island Music, furnished by "Island Frank" Tuma, gave a pleasant upbeat addition to our fun. Our last **CIVIC CENTER SALE** and **BREAKFAST** of the season will be Saturday, March 13th, at the Civic Center. So please bring in your items on Wednesdays between 8 and 11 am, and of course on Friday, March 12th between 7 and 12 noon. Let's fill up our storage shed for another fine sale !!

Editor's Note: This will be Naomi and Jim's last sale for the Association. Let's try to make it the best ever. It will be hard to beat the Winter results, but if we all dig into the closets and garages, and part with those gems we've wavered about so far, we can do it.

There is a great need for a SARCASM FONT.

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 appointment spaces available but March fills up quickly, so if you have your forms, **DO IT NOW!!!**

You must be a Yankee if: You eat fried chicken with a knife and fork.

By Law Changes

Our Association by-laws require that we review and update the by-laws periodically. This is not one of the most exciting tasks of the Board but the Committee has found three things needing updating. They were read at the last membership meeting and must be published for comment before adoption. So here they are. Underlined words are additions, strikethroughs are deletions.

1) Title of Document:

~~"Constitution and By-Laws"~~

Rationale: We now have "Articles of Incorporation" (in lieu of a Constitution) as a separate document from "By-Laws".

2. Article VII, Section 4. (Duties of the treasurer)
Add underlined text: The treasurer, president, or other Board authorized individual shall receive all monies belonging to the association and pay all valid bills by electronic payment or by check (~~signed by the president or other authorized board member and the treasurer.~~
Rationale: To allow the President, or other Board authorized person to conduct business in the absence of the treasurer.

3. Article XII. (Order of Business for the Association meetings)
Item 4: Reading of minutes of previous ~~executive board meeting~~ and general meeting for additions and/or corrections and approval.
Rationale: Executive board minutes are exceedingly long, and are available from the secretary upon request.

Wasn't that fun? If you have any comments, contact any board member.

You must be a Yankee if: You have no idea what a polecat is or You've never eaten okra.

Opportunity Still 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.

HOBBY CLUB NEWS

Our Annual Valentine's Day Luncheon was another sellout success. Thanks go to all our members who decorated, cooked, served and cleaned up. Now, mark your calendars for our **March 6th Craft Show and Salad Bar Luncheon**. This is an opportunity to see some of the finest craft work in the area and to select gifts for your friends as well as yourself. The show will be open from 8AM until 2PM, with luncheon starting about 10:30
Once our show is over, the following few weeks are a special time for the Hobby Club. With nothing to plan and organize, and most of our seasonal members here, we can relax and enjoy each other's company, catch up on the events in friends' lives and (maybe) learn a new twist in our favorite hobbies. We also enjoy meeting our

members' visiting friends and families and putting a face to names we've heard about.
Why not join us some Wednesday morning and find out what's happening.. Just come on down to the Center around 9:00AM, walk in and introduce yourself to the first person you see. We'll take it from there.

You know you're a Yankee if: You've never planned a family vacation around a knife and gun show.

March Meeting Program

Judy Ott, a biologist with the Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program will be the speaker at our regular membership Meeting on March 15. Judy has spent her career in Marine Ecology, monitoring water quality, studying sea grasses and researching marine environmental programs using both state and federal funding.

Judy started the volunteer group that monitors water quality in Estero Bay, Pine Island Sound and upper Charlotte Harbor. Sea Grasses are of special interest to her and she will show some educational photos of the changes over the years in seagrass growth in our local estuary waters. Volunteer shoreline monitors may be recruited for a new marine biology project.

Century Club

The following additional members have enrolled in the Century Club with a gift of \$100 or more:

- JoAnne Niven Veronica Zongora
- Kristen Barlett Hobby Club
- Helen Shewman The Davids

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.

You know you're a Yankee If you've never had a Moon Pie and RC Cola.

Editorial Well, the operation is over and I am one step closer to becoming a bionic man. I am told I am ahead of the target pace for recovering full mobility. But most importantly, I think I was a good patient! Except, maybe, for jerking that little oxygen tube out of my nose. I hate those things!

I have to say the whole process was an amazing exercise in efficiency. The Joint Replacement Center at Lee Memorial performs about 2000 knee and hip replacements annually, or about 7 a day. The whole thing is choreographed from 2 weeks before until 4-6 weeks after. Within 2-3 hours after coming around, patients are expected to bear weight on the new joint and be able to move from bed to chair. Thanks to liberal doses of modern chemistry, pain is well managed, allowing exercises to begin on day 2, and patients are out of the hospital by day 4. Home rehab and home nursing start immediately and will continue for about a month, followed by as much on-site rehan as needed. Overall, my hat is off to all the dedicated staff who handle their work with skill and personal attention. I just couldn't be a bad patient for them! And thanks to all of you who offered prayers and encouragement along the way.

Bill Brabbs – Board Certified Curmudgeon

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