

Saint James Civic Association Newsletter February, 2011

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Winter Festival--WOW!!

Our annual Winter Festival was nearly amazing. We served about 325 breakfasts, more than I can remember for several years. Certainly, the Beck Boat display had a lot to do with it, and we are looking for a similar drawing card for the Spring event. Many thanks to the volunteers who made it possible. For the first time in my experience, the sign-up sheets were full. We had a good mix of old (excuse me **experienced**) hands and newbies and things went off with no glitches. Special thanks to Joanne Niven and Fred Jansen, who filled as my "wheels" as I learned to navigate on a new hip, and, of course, Jim Dolph and B J Austen, who provided the energy and experience to lead the crews.

Our next breakfast will be at the Museum of the Islands rummage sale, February 12. Sign-up sheets will go up soon.

100 YEARS AGO: *The average life expectancy was 47 years. Auto fuel was sold only in drug stores.*

Board of Directors

As a result of the Elections at the January Membership Meeting, the following are the Directors for the upcoming year.

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Chairmanship responsibilities are posted on the office door and available at the website- www.sjccapi.org

The average wage was 22 cents an hour., or \$200-400 a YEAR! But eggs were 22 cents a dozen!

President's Message

The St. James City Civic Assn. Board of Directors designed a 10-minute Power-Point Presentation to reacquaint everybody with SJCCA activities, mission, board functions, and financials. We voted to present this information to each SJCCA Activity once during February. (Some of you really active members may even get to see it twice!) We'll also be handing out En-Vision 2018 questionnaires once again for your input. The future of SJCCA is YOU -- an active and informed membership!

Thanks to all of you for your membership, for volunteering at our events and for leading activities.

Sincerely,

Sharon Astle, President of the SJCCA Board

Golden Brushes

Join members of SJCCA's painting group, Order of the Golden Brush, as they welcome the New Year with **workshops** designed to inspire and celebrate your creative spirit.

MEL MEO will be our workshop leader on February 8th at 1 P.M. Join us for an afternoon of fun painting in the "Highwaymen Style" with Pine Island's mural artist, Mel Meo. Enjoy creating your own painting of Florida scenery with dazzling colors. The fee for this workshop is \$40, and includes all materials.

JOAN ROBERTS will be our workshop artist leader on March 8th.

For information and registration call Linda Selleck at 283-5207

Most women only washed their hair once a month and they used borax or egg yolks for shampoo.

Congratulations Hotshots!

SJCCA Hotshots Photography Club members entered the Punta Gorda Photo Arts Expo 2011, SW Florida's largest photo show. And WON 7 awards again. Ron Mayhew won 4 Honorable Mentions and BEST OF SHOW. Carol Hoyem won 2 Honorable Mention Ribbons. There were many additional photos worthy of awards. SJCCA's Hotshots continue to impress the judges.

Hotshots (continued)

Next Hotshots event will be a photo shoot at Koreshan State Park Feb. 2. Meet near the car wash at the center at 8:30 AM to car pool. The next regular meeting will be Monday Feb. 14th, 7PM at the Civic Center. The program will include a discussion of taking award winning photos and making them better in the computer. Hotshots will also be sharing photos including their best selections for "The Pine Island Challenge". All levels of photographers welcome to learn and share in a relaxed atmosphere.

More than 95% of all births took place at home.

**Art Expo Champagne and Dessert
Opening Reception**

SJCCA members are invited to the third annual Art Expo Artists' Opening Reception **Friday February 25th at 7:00 – 8:30 PM.** Over 40 Artists from greater Pine Island will be exhibiting Painting, Glass, Drawings,/Prints, Photography, Fiber, Mixed Media, Sculpture, Wood, Metal, Jewelry and Ceramic works in a juried art show and sale. All of the work is original and by the artist's hand.

Along with the artists' guests and patrons, YOU will enjoy champagne, cake, chocolate-covered strawberries, fruits and cheeses and decaf coffee. Look for your e-mail invitation! If you receive your newsletter by hard copy, call Lyn or Mary Schuette (558-8081) to get on our e-mail list.

The Art Expo Show and Sale opens to the public Saturday from 9:00 am – 6:00 pm. These events are SJCCA Fund Raisers.

Ninety percent of all doctors had no college education. Instead, they attended so-called "medical schools", which were widely condemned as sub-standard!

Pinochlers Needed

The Monday Pinochle group is looking for a few good folks to join them Mondays from 1-3 PM.

Call Marge Campbell at 607-229-8922 for info or just show up.

IN MEMORIUM

With all the sadness and trauma going on in the world, it is worth reflecting on the recent death of a very important person .Larry LaPrise, who wrote the Hokey Pokey, died peacefully at age 93. The most traumatic part for his family was getting him into the coffin. They put his left leg in. And then the trouble started....

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Hobby Club

We are busy preparing for our annual Valentine's Day Luncheon and Card Party, to be held on Wednesday, February 9, 10AM until 2:30 PM. This is always a fun-filled event, so gather a table full of friends and join us. Tickets are \$10, and are available from Dixie Smegal, phone No. 283-7253.

Our next event will be our annual March 19th Arts and Craft Show and Sale, highlighting the excellent handiwork of our talented members. More on that in the next Newsletter

Our latest community service project is supplying warm clothing and personal toiletries supply bags for the HOMELESS on Pine Island, We need your help – please bring any unopened sample size and hotel toiletries and drop them in the box next to the kitchen.

Crossword puzzles, iced tea and canned beer hadn't been invented yet.

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Pot Luck

We had 35 members at the last pot luck. A delicious meal was shared by all, along with a lot of fun and fellowship. Pot luck meets every 1st. and 3rd Monday of the month. On the 1st Monday we have dinner then play card bingo..The 3rd Monday we eat and attend the civic meeting afterwards. We meet at 5:30 and dine at 6. Bring a dish to pass, possibly a dessert, and your table service.

There was no Mother's Day. Father's Day, Veteran's Day or President's Day

Women to Women

Come schmooze with us from 3:30-5:00 pm February 4th. It's for Your Health! -- Stanford Univ.'s Dept. of Psychiatry Chair says one of the best things that a man could do for his health is to be married to a woman; whereas for a woman, one of the best things she could do for her health is to nurture her relationships with her girlfriends. Women connect to provide support systems that help each other deal with stress and life experiences.

Friday Feb 4th each of us will share a book title, a poem, artwork, an article or an experience that promotes quality engagements with our Moms, Sisters and Gal-pals. Let's toast our health.

Two of ten adults could not read or write and only 6% had graduated from high school.

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Saint James Civic Center February 21st

Annual Meeting

John Manning, our District 1 County Commissioner, will speak on the "2011 Priorities of Lee County" at the February 21st monthly meeting of the Saint James Civic Association. Mr. Manning is an experienced and proven leader through his service as County Commissioner from 1988 through 2000. He was recently elected to fill the vacancy due to the death of Bob Janes.

Budgets, transportation, the economy and environmental projects will be discussed and there will be time for questions and answers. The public is invited to this meeting. A good turnout will be our opportunity to show Mr. Manning that Pine Islanders are a group to be considered as he makes critical decisions about Lee County's future.

There were about 230 reported murders in the entire U.S.A.

Texas Hold'em.

Texas Hold'em kicked off on January 29th with three FEMALE winners! First Place- Linda Brower, second place Chris Jussaume and third place Eleanor Frissell, all members of SJCCA. The players have decided to play twice monthly, and many newcomers enjoyed the mentoring by John Kusche, our dealer. Our maintenance fund received the profits. Call Sharon Astle 239-283-7141 to get on the e-mail or call list to play.

The 5 leading causes of death were pneumonia, tuberculosis, diarrhea, heart disease.

FREE TAX HELP

SJCCA is hosting the AARP Tax Aide Program at the Center. Tax Aide is the nation's largest FREE, volunteer-run tax assistance and preparation service. It is available to taxpayers with low and moderate income and gives special attention to people age 60 and older.

The SJCCA Tax Aid volunteers are ready to help.

Appointments are available at the SJCCA on Thursdays from 10AM - 2PM, and Mon. eve Feb. 14, Mar. 14, and Apr. 11 from 5-8PM. Call the SJCCA 283-0242, leave your name & phone number. A volunteer will call you to set up an appointment.

MAH JONGG MIXER

Don't forget this event, Feb. 18, 1-4:30PM. Expert or just curious about Mah Jongg, come on down! Entrance fee is \$10. Call Mary at 239-558-8081 or Debbie at 283-7001 for info or to register.

There were only 8000 cars and 14 miles of paved road. *Speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.*

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MOTI RUMMAGE SALE

The Civic Center will again be hosting the Museum of the Island annual **Rummage Sale on Saturday February 12..** This will include a Big Breakfast for the shoppers and the community. Rummage Sale hours are 7 til 11:30 AM. The MOTI sale includes clothing. You can drop off your items, including **clean** clothing at the Civic Center Friday, 2/11, 7-12 AM, or call Naomi Brewer at 283-4298 to make arrangements.

A traditional BIG BREAKFAST will be served from 8 to 10:30. Of course this means volunteers ! A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board by the kitchen. Get your favorite job early!!

And. Lastly, 95% of the taxes we have today did not exist 100 years ago!!

.EDITORIAL: It's good to be back, at least as far as I have progressed. Thanks to all you well-wishers for your prayers and concern. Special thanks to Steve Smith, Dale Potts and Betsy Dunn, who took over the Wednesday night Bingo meal. The word I get is they are drawing a real crowd!

It's great to arrive in the "high season" at SJCCA. All activities are buzzing, parking lot is full nearly every time I go past. Volunteers are in abundance. This is the time of year I really know what a jewel we have here in Saint James City. Many communities would love to have one, while many others don't even know what they're missing!

Bill Brabbs – Board Certified Curmudgeon