

September 2019 Newsletter

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During our lazy summer days...

we've taken full advantage of this time to do as little as possible.

Except for some of us at the SJCCA that just can't sit still -

SJCCA Children's Playground - Kiwanis Park

As "season" was starting to wind down in April, the Greater Pine Island Lions Club was unable to renew the liability insurance on our playground. The equipment was removed and the gate padlocked. As people realized we were losing a safe place for their kids and grandkids to play, we received offers to help keep the park open.

Cindy Bickford organized a community meeting at the SJCCA in early May '19 seeking a solution. The **Kiwanis Club of Greater Pine Island**, represented by **Susan Saulsbery**, stepped up and agreed to accept responsibility for the playground.

So much to do! Cindy Bickford and Susan Saulsbery have joined forces and the **"Kiwanis Park"** was born.....

- A "GoFundMe" account was created by Susan to raise the \$45,000 necessary to prepare the area and purchase new equipment.
- The remaining equipment was removed and the ground cleared (**Thank You, Honc Industries 🍷 and Mike's Lawn Care 🍷 !**)
- Over the summer several fundraisers were held at the SJCCA, including a **Bunco game party** in July and a **"Stop the Bleed"** first aid class in August - **both made possible with the support of our President, Pat Johnsen 😊**. A special **"Thank You" to Joe Fernandez 🙏**, our **"Stop the Bleed"** host, for an informative presentation and the donation of a state of the art first aid kit for the SJCCA and Kiwanis Park!
- **On Sunday, September 8th** the SJCCA will host another **Bunco game party from 2:00-4:00 PM**. Cost is \$10 per person with prizes donated by the CW Fudge Factory, all proceeds benefit the Kiwanis Park. **Call Cindy Bickford for tickets! Cindy 282-9478**

Over \$33,500 has been raised so far! In addition to children's equipment, there are plans to include options for older children and adults. Please show your support and appreciation to Cindy Bickford and Susan Saulsbery's efforts! **Make a donation or attend the Bunco fundraiser on September 8th - this endeavor will benefit our entire community.**



Honc Industries removed the remaining equipment



Mike's Lawn Service leveled and mowed the area to prepare for new equipment

Contact Cindy Bickford for Bunco tickets, questions about the new park or to volunteer to help
- Cindy Bickford 282-9478



Mail Donations to:

Kiwanis Club of Greater Pine Island

PO Box 111 St James City, FL 33956 (please write park in memo line)

OR

Donate directly online to the "GoFundMe" *Kiwanis Park* account

Activity News

Over the summer Dominos, Mah Jongg and Ping Pong groups have kept on playing at the SJCCA. Although it's still a bit early to publish the start dates for most of the activities for the upcoming season, we have heard news about the following:

Exercise Class: Exercise class every Tuesday and Thursday 8:30-9:30am begins on **Tuesday, September 12, 2019.** **Contact: Jodee Nelson McCollum 239-283-4790**

Book Club: The SJCCA Book Club meets **the second Monday of each month, October - June, 9:00-10:30 a.m.**

October 14th: In the Distance by Hernan Diaz

November 11th: The Day the World Came to Town by Jim DeFede

December 9th: The Rent Collector by Camron Wright

New members are always welcome! Contact: Carol Roscher carol.roscher@gmail.com

Order of the Golden Brush: If those paints in your box are feeling restless, it's time to escort them to SJCCA'S longtime painting group on **Tuesday morning at 10 A.M. on November 5th.**

Order of the Golden Brush continues a tradition of welcoming members and newcomers to share techniques and explore mediums of their choice.

Afternoon seasonal workshops, sponsored by Golden Brush, offer a variety of artists and styles. **Joan Roberts returns on January 14th followed by Heidi Montgomery on the 21st.**

Linda Selleck

Yoga TuneUp: Over the summer I have become a licensed Roll Model practitioner. This is in addition to my Yoga Tune Up certification. I am excited to share all my new rolling techniques! **Classes will resume Monday's at 11:00 November 4, 2019. Michelle Jordahl**

Remember to check our calendar for new activities and events, changes or cancellations. The calendar can be viewed and printed from our website - click the link at the bottom right of the newsletter!

Volunteers Needed!

We need a volunteer to head the **plant area sales** for the Big Breakfast for next season. The dates of the Breakfasts are Nov 16 2019, Jan 18 2020, and Feb 15 2020. Reply to Pat Johnsen, SJCCA President, [email pkj127@aol.com](mailto:emailpkj127@aol.com) or phone 283-8368.

Volunteers are always needed to help with activities, breakfasts, events, office work, newsletter and website! Check the bulletin board at the civic center, ask an activity leader or email us if you can donate some of your time.

Thank You! Let's make this season one to remember by getting involved and contributing as members of a **special group of friends and family - the SJCCA!**

Reminders and Clarifications



If you have ideas, suggestions, pictures or articles for our newsletter, our website, or our Facebook page, please contact us! We want to know how we are doing and if we can improve. Feel free to share your news or celebrations with other members in our newsletter - **Email: info@sjccapi.org**

****SJCCA Contact Information:** A list of contact information is located on a **new page** that is private and can only be viewed by **registered members of the SJCCA - click on the "Help" button below the "Members Only" tab for instructions.** We will continue to post contact information on the bulletin board at the Civic Center if you do not wish to register as a member on the website. Inactive members and the public can complete the "Contact Us" section on our website and their inquiry will be forwarded to the appropriate contact person.

****A Members Only page** was created to provide our members with information such as financial reports and minutes to board/association meetings. To access the Members Only page you must first **"Sign Up" to be approved** as a valid Member of the SJCCA. Once approved, you need to "Log In" each time you enter the Members Only page. **For Help - click on the "Help" button below the Members Only menu tab.**