

Happy Hanukkah - Festival of Lights
Warm Wishes to All!

December 2017 Newsletter

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays
To: Our Members, Our Friends, Our Family
From: Your St. James City Civic Association

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December Special Events

MEMBER ASSOCIATION MEETING - December 18th, Monday Night!

All members - Enjoy a **potluck supper** before an update from our Board of Directors. If you haven't renewed your membership or would like to become a member, this is a perfect opportunity to do so!

5:30 pm - Potluck Supper

Please bring a dish or dessert to share. A chance to "meet and greet" other members over a shared meal. This is "potluck" so bring your own place setting. Coffee and tea will be provided, bottled water and soft drinks are available for purchase.

6:45 pm – Association Meeting

At the meeting we will ask for **nominations to our Board of Directors** – election will be held at the January 2018 association meeting. If you are interested in becoming a board member or volunteering to be an Activity Leader – this is a perfect opportunity to ask questions or make suggestions!

HOLIDAY DINNER - December 16th, Saturday 11:30 - 1:00

Join us to share a wonderful dinner of **turkey with all the trimmings!** Our annual Holiday Dinner is **free to all current members**. A special group of volunteers make it all possible by donating their time during the busy holiday season. **Signup sheets are posted at the Civic Center to help out - show your holiday spirit and donate some of your time!**

Bring your own place setting - otherwise it's paper plates and plastic utensils!

General: It's time to renew your membership! Our membership "year" now ends December 31st. When you renew your current membership, it will be extended through December 31, 2018. Annual Membership is \$20 per person. Applications are available at the Civic Center and on our website. Most of our Activities and Club Meetings cost \$2.00 per person for current Members and \$4.00 for Non-Members. Please go to our website for more information about our activities, membership applications and a printable calendar.

Coming in January: UPROOT HOOTENANNY CONCERT! Uproot Hootenanny is coming back for a great evening of bluegrass, folk, Irish, and original music. They have been a huge hit the last 2 years they have played for us. Mark your calendars: **Sunday, Jan 7**. Doors open at 6, music starts at 6:30. **Tickets are \$20** with limited seating. You must contact Cindy (282-9478) for tickets. This is sure to be a sell out, so don't wait!

Coming in January: An all-levels accessible yoga class intended to focus on strength, stability and serenity. There will be a free introductory class for you to try out **on January 11 at 10:30**, followed by a ten-week series. See all the details about the class and the teacher, **Jaime Boswell** at www.jaimeboswell.com.

Jaime Boswell
JBoswellYoga.com
239-851-5351

Coming in March: JOHN DENVER TRIBUTE CONCERT Watch for more info Sunday, March 4, 6 pm.
Tickets will be \$20.

FYI....

SJCCA has a **READ AND RETURN LIBRARY** which is free to members. We have a nice assortment of books ranging from the ubiquitous cook book to mysteries to literary fiction to history and opinion pieces. Stop by and browse...then borrow if you find something you like. The library is in "the little room". Enjoy!

WEBSITE INFORMATION

The SJCCA website contains information and news both past and present. You can view or print our newsletters and our calendar of events. Contact information is listed for our Board of Directors, Activity Leaders and special events.

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 – go to the Home page on our website [click on the Help > button below the Members Only menu tab on the upper right of the page.](#)

Our Members Make it all Possible!

Our CENTURY CLUB is a way for members to show an extra measure of appreciation and support for projects that we hope to accomplish as we strive to rebuild our reserve funds.

Our improvement list includes: **Enclose the lania, update the women's bathroom, resurface the shuffleboard court and purchase a new floor scrubber.**

Suggested contribution is \$100 ("Century Club" – get it?) but any amount will be acknowledged and appreciated! You can give your donation to any board member or activity leader - or mail it to: PO Box 605, St. James City, FL 33956 **Contact: Kay Winter 239-283-9760** kbwinter98@gmail.com

Activities at the Civic Center

Shuffleboard - Attention all Shuffleboard players! Shuffleboard meets every Tuesday and Friday at 9:00 am. Please arrive 15 minutes early so teams may be chosen. Contact: Richard Cleenput (239) 283-4640

Speaking of **Bridge.....Happy Islanders** - Meet every Monday 12:30pm - our game start time has changed from noon to 12:30! No partner needed. Contact: Barb Covitz 203- 470-2254 carpusdeum@gmail.com.....**Slambidders** - Meet every Wednesday at 12:30pm all year round! Join us - Contact: Joyce Coryell (239) 283-8254 orchid4ever@embarqmail.com **Friday Open Bridge** - Meet every Friday at 7:00pm - all are welcome! Contact: Bonnie Love 220-0272

Cribbage - The cribbage group will begin play on Thursday, January 4th at 6:45pm at the SJCCA. New players are always welcome. Come out and have some fun! Contact: Mike Mulder (239) 558-5786

Ping Pong - Monday and Thursday from 9:00 am to 11:30 am Ping Pong is played in the small room, both singles and doubles play - stop by for a game or two! Contact: Jim Sullivan (239) 896-0199

Mah Jongg - Meets at the Civic Center every Thursday at 1:00pm. We played all summer with a short recess due to Hurricane Irma, and look forward to the return of our snowbird players. We play by the National Mah Jongg League rules, not for money but for beads to keep track of our wins. Everyone is welcome. We are always willing to teach new comers! Per SJCCA the fee is \$2.00 for members and \$4.00 for non members.

Our **annual Holiday Mah Jongg party** is in the planning stage. Tentative date is December 21st and a sumptuous pot luck will be offered by our group members (ALL are wonderful cooks!) As in past years we will collect items for Helping Paws, here on the island, in lieu of gift exchanges.

Contact: BJ Skribiski (239) 283-9140

Easy Does It Beginner Line Dancing - Starts Monday, December 4, from 4:00 - 5:30 pm, and continues every Monday afternoon. Come dance with us! No experience required, no special equipment needed. It's healthy, it's fun, it's good company, it's easy. Beginners are always welcome. Questions? Call Chris Miley at 810-694-8174

Exercise Class - Tuesdays and Thursdays - 8:30 am to 9:30 am. Men and Women of all ages are welcome. Come stretch with us!!! \$5.00 per class. Contact: Jodee McCollum (239) 283-4790 or travelagentjodee@yahoo.com

Order of the Golden Brush - Our weekly painting group at SJCCA welcomes new and returning members. Find your brushes, find your paints and find your way to 4th and Lemon every Tuesday from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Enjoy discovering your talent for art in a supportive atmosphere. Guest artists and workshops will begin in January.

"Art allows us to lose ourselves and find ourselves at the same time."...Thomas Martin

Contact: Linda Selleck at (239) 283-5207 for further information

Book Club - Second Monday of each month - 9:30 am Come at 9:10 am to help set up, socialize, enjoy refreshments. We start promptly at 9:30! Contact: Email Carol Roscher at carol.roscher@gmail.com for more information.

Photo Club - Second and Fourth Monday of each month - 7:00 pm Everyone is welcome - beginners to experts! We learn by sharing ideas and experience. Contact: Andy Bergsten (617) 347-5086 andyvox@comcast.net for more information. Check out our Facebook page!

Island Crafters - meet every Wednesday morning from 9:00 am to 11:30 am. The Island Crafters are busy decorating our hall for the holidays! Lots of new craft projects are scheduled - come, join the fun! Questions? Call Ellie at 973-650-9168

To see more of our creations, go to the SJCCA website and click on the **November 2017 photo gallery** link in the lower left corner of the Home page!

Happy Birthday, Clara!!!!

Clara McKnight will celebrate her 97th birthday on December 6th! Clara is a longtime resident of Matlacha and member of our Monday Happy Islanders and Wednesday Sambidders bridge groups.

Happy Birthday to a great lady and a great friend! Congratulations, Clara

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By the way.....

If you have ideas or suggestions for our newsletter or our website, 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

**If you would like to print out a newsletter (current or older), please go to our website at the link below and select the Newsletter tab. The email version of our Newsletter is for viewing/reading.

**We are looking for pictures of activities, events and people enjoying our Civic Center. If you have any pictures (photos, digital or negatives) you would like share on our website? Please contact us if you can help: Email: info@sjccapi.org

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