



December 2019 Newsletter

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Happy Holidays to everyone! If you are on the island for the month of December, you are in luck! We have many opportunities to keep your schedule full of activities, games and gatherings. The SJCCA season is in high gear - it's a great time to try a new activity or just stop by!

You don't have to be a member to check out a class or activity, come on in and see if you like it - everyone is welcome!



December 2019

Events & Specials

Make room in your schedule - these are not our regular weekly offerings!



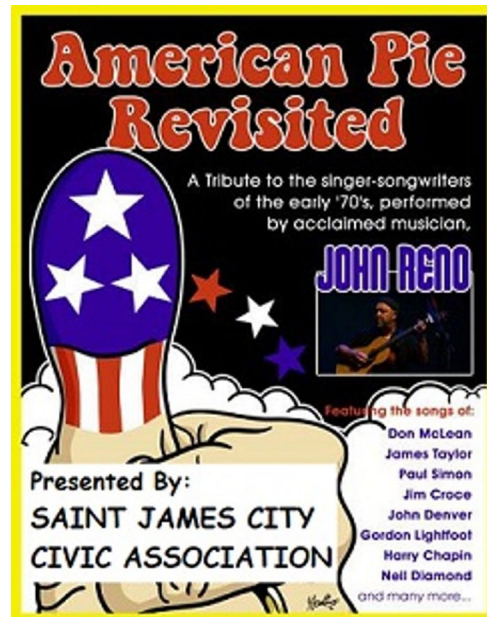
[CONCERT EVENT](#)

There are still tickets for **American Pie Revisited concert featuring John Reno**, Dec 8 at 6:30.

This return event is always a hit - hear your favorite '70's songs and benefit the new Kiwanis Park.

Tickets are \$20 each, limited seating, advanced ticket sales only.

Call Cindy 282-9478 to get tickets!



Kiwanis Park Fundraiser
 December 8, 2019 Sunday 6:00 pm
 Tickets \$20 Cindy Bickford 282-9478



Susan's Card Making Class

Dec 9th Monday 5:30 - 7:30pm

Class is open to all experience levels and all materials are supplied (please bring scissors). We will make 4 beautiful cards for \$25. All class fees will be **donated to Kiwanis Park**. This class is limited to 8 and you must **call Susan Saulsbery 239-560-6286 to reserve your spot!**

?? ANNUAL HOLIDAY BREAKFAST

Dec 14th Sat 8:00 - 10:00 am

We will be having a special holiday breakfast **??FREE TO ALL ACTIVE MEMBERS??** on Saturday, December 14th, serving from 8:00am -10:00am.

Non-members will pay the usual fee of \$7 per person - annual membership is only \$25, become a member at the breakfast and eat for FREE.

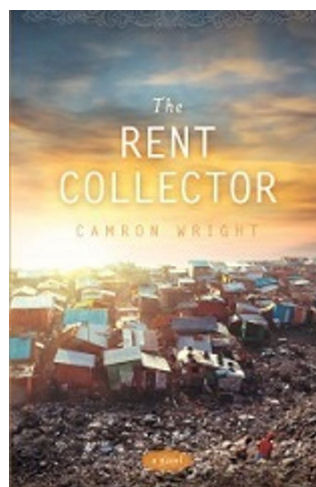
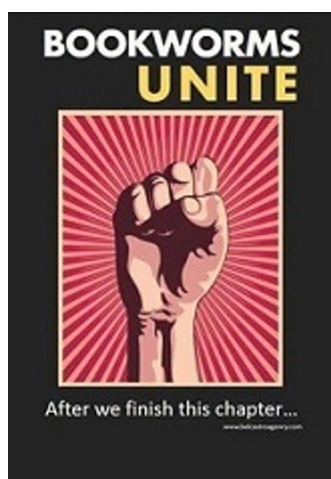
In addition to our standard fare for this all-you-can-eat breakfast of scrambled eggs, sausage, biscuits, sausage gravy, pancakes with strawberries with whipped cream topping & cinnamon toast, coffee and tea – **we will be adding a few special items for the holidays.**

❖❖ Wine and mimosas will be available for a donation as well.

A Vendor and Craft sale will be held during and after Breakfast - Saturday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm. Local artists and folks with items for sale are invited to rent booth or table space to display their wares. It's fun and interesting to see what creations and nick-nacks can be found!

Activity News

Notes and News from our Activity Leaders - feel free to attend anything that grabs your attention! We love "newbies" and everyone is welcome! ❖❖



Book Club

Dear Readers,

We hope you are able to join us **Dec 9, 9 a.m.**, when Karen leads the discussion on ***The Rent Collector, by Camron Wright.*** Thank you, Karen.

In January we will discuss ***The Nickel Boys, by Colson Whitehead.***

The Rent Collector, Cameron Wright

Based on a true story, **The Rent Collector** is set in the abject poverty of Cambodia against the backdrop of political oppression and the atrocities of the Khmer Rouge.

A young mother, Sang Ly, struggles to survive by picking through garbage in Cambodia's largest municipal dump. Incredulously, her family must pay rent for their hut in the dump each month. The payment is made to an old,

Please come and bring your favorite titles, so that we may choose February's book. Some people enjoy sharing the research they've done to help enrich our experience and others share what they most enjoy about the book in a free flow manner. Our cube is available each month to gently direct discussion, if that is your choice. So don't hesitate to suggest a title!

SJCCA membership forms will be available for you to submit with your \$25 check, for your 2020 membership. The annual dues can be paid at any SJCCA event.

Thank you, Karen, for your articles submitted to The Eagle. Delores, thank you for all your fact finding regarding Gander, Newfoundland, and 9/11. Even after all these years, it is heartwarming to read of the good that was done to help during a horrific time.

So many books, so little time! Enjoy your reading. **Carol**

Easy Does It Line Dancing

'Easy Does It' line dancing will begin our 7th season on the first **Monday in December, Dec 2nd, from 4 pm to 5:45**. Classes will continue through the season every Monday until the end of March. Newcomers are welcome anytime. We will follow the same format as last season: the first 45 minutes of the class is devoted to absolute beginners. Following a short break, the second portion of the class will include more challenging dances. Our music will include a variety of country, old rock and roll, pop, rap, and even a show tune or two.

We will form a **dance team again this year**, and entertain residents of a nursing home in February or March. Everyone is welcome. A note about line dancing; you don't need a partner and no special equipment is needed (except shoes that you can move in). Dancing is fun, it's social, it gets us moving, and it is mentally stimulating. Hope to see you on the dance floor!

Class cost: \$5 for members, \$7 for non members. Contact: Chris Miley

Euchre

Wednesdays 6:30 - 8:30pm

Greetings, Euchre Fans! November 19th we welcomed Pat and Ken Johnsen and Rich Robertson to our first meeting of the season along with our returning members George, Claudia, Jan, Les and Darlene...just enough for two tables. We're aiming for a third table - if you're on the island, come on down...we need you!

In case you haven't heard, **Homer and Fran Dangler** are not returning to Pine Island. Homer's 94 years old now. We'll miss him at Euchre and wish him the best.

If you want to **join your friends for an evening of Euchre** but need to brush up on it first, or if you've never played Euchre and would like to learn how, this is your chance to learn the rules and

drunken, and bitter woman, Sopeap Sin (known as the Rent Collector). Slowly and strangely, the two become friends as Sang Ly embarks on a desperate journey to save her ailing son from a life of ignorance and poverty. It's a tale of discovery and redemption in which Sang Ly learns that literature, like hope, is found in the most unexpected places.

The Nickel Boys, Colson Whitehead

Elwood Curtis is a straight-laced and principled boy growing up in the black neighborhood of Frenchtown in Tallahassee, Florida. He works hard and has dreams of participating in the black civil rights struggle. An unlucky encounter lands him in Nickel Academy, a state-sponsored reform school for boys.

On first glance, Nickel appears innocuous, with its neatly kept lawns and red-brick buildings, but harsh and horrific realities gradually set in.

strategies of this fun and easy game. We will gladly teach you all about it. (well, some of us may not share all our secret strategies ♡♡)

For more information, contact Darlene Bender (260-437-4392) or Jan Robertson (218-340-2343)

Cribbage

Thursdays 6:45 - 9:30pm

The cribbage gang is playing on Thursdays - Beginners and wannabes are very welcome!

Ping Pong

Mondays & Thursdays 9:00 - 11:00am

Ping Pong is in full swing. Come on out and challenge George! We have 2 tables for singles and doubles play (depending on the number of players).

Cindy Bickford

****NEW** Triple Play**

Mondays 1:00 - 4:00pm

We meet at 1:00 on Mondays for **triple play Canasta**, also called, hand, knee and foot. It's \$2.00 for members and \$4.00 for non-members, which means it's a great time to join! I'm still learning but it's a very fun game and our noisy card shuffler didn't seem to bother the bridge players in the big room, thank goodness. We have 8 players for teams and more have expressed interest.

Peggy & Mike Finley

Photo Club

Jan 13th 2nd & 3rd Mondays 7:00 - 8:30pm

Meet to discuss photography.

Andy Bergsten (617-347-5086)



Michelle Jordahl

Yoga Tune Up Class

with Michelle Jordahl

Mondays 11:00am - 12:00pm

Regulars experience the benefits of myofascial release from working with Michelle and her **Yoga Tune Up Balls**.

Greg, who runs full marathons, (49 to date), comments, "I really appreciate Michelle's classes with gentle stretching and her Tune Up Balls and what they do for me." Learn how to Feel Better In Your Body!

**Michelle is a certified Roll Model Method
®and Yoga Tune Up ® Teacher**

****NEW** You Move Me Yoga**

Fridays 9:00 - 10:15am *Begins Dec 6th

Welcome yoga into your life with **Sandi Wanner, Kripalu trained instructor**. Kripalu Yoga is a challenging approach to asana practice that emphasizes meditation and breathwork, and encourages inward focus and spiritual attunement.

If you've never tried a yoga session, this one's for you. Careful and Clear Instruction, Gentle Stretching, Calm Breathing and Deep Relaxation. This class introduces you to the benefits of an exercise form available to us all.

Be kind to yourself and come explore **You Move Me Yoga** starting on Friday, December 6 from 9:00 to 10:15am.

Instructor: Sandi Wanner (239-247-3660)

Here is our schedule of activities and events for the upcoming season. Please **check the calendar** on our website or on our Facebook page (links are on the bottom of this newsletter) frequently to verify if there have been changes/cancellations/additions to the schedule.

The schedule will be updated with each newsletter, but the calendar will reflect the most current information. Most activities are \$2 per member of the SJCCA and \$4 for non-members.

If you have questions and would like to **contact the Activity / Event Leader**, members of the SJCCA are encouraged to sign up for access to the "members only" page on our website for contact information. **Contact information is also on the bulletin board** at the civic center. Or email us info@sjccapi.org and we will forward your request to the appropriate person.

2019 - 2020 Schedule

Activity Information

Book Club - second Monday each month - 9:00 - 10:30 am *Carol Roscher*

Bridge: Mondays - Happy Islanders - 12:30 pm *Kay Winter / Mary Tobias*

Wednesday- Slambidders - 12:30 pm *Joyce Coryell*

Fridays - Open Bridge - 7:00 pm *Bonnie Love*

Cribbage - Thursdays (Nov - Apr) 6:45 - 9:30 pm *Mike Mulder*

Dominoes - Tuesdays 6:30 - 7:30 pm (currently full - call first) *Fran Wolford*

Golden Brush - Tuesdays 10:00 am - 1:00 pm *Linda Selleck*

Island Crafters - Wednesdays 9:00 am - 12:00 pm *Audrey Wade*

and Knitters! *Ellie Fenyohazi*

Euchre - Wednesdays 6:30 - 8:30 pm *Darlene Bender / Jan Robertson*

Exercise - Tuesday and Thursdays 8:30 - 9:30 am *Jodee McCollum*

Line Dancing - Mondays (Dec - Feb) 4:00 - 5:50 pm *Chris Miley*

Mah Jongg - Thursdays 1:00 - 4:00 pm *BJ Skribiski*

Ping Pong - Mondays and Thursdays 9:00 - 11:30 am *Jim Sullivan*

Photo Club - second & fourth Mondays Jan thru Mar 7:00 - 8:30 pm *Andy Bergsten*

Shuffleboard - Tuesdays and Fridays 9:00 am *R Cleenput / Mike Schreiber not yet!*

Triple Play - Mondays 1:00 - 4:00 pm *Peggy & Mike Finley*

Yoga Tune-Up with Michelle Jordahl - Mondays 11:00 am - 12:00

You Move Me Yoga with Sandi Wanner - Fridays 9:00 - 10:15 am

Events and Gatherings

Big Breakfast - Nov 16, Jan 18, Feb 15 & Mar 14 Sat morning *Denny Dekker*

Rummage / Plant Sale - Nov 16, Jan 18, Feb 15 Sat morning *Anne Sayer / Jeanne Workman*

Annual Holiday Breakfast - Dec 14 Sat morning *Denny Dekker*

Concerts: **American Pie Revisited** - Dec 8, Sunday 6:00 pm *Cindy Bickford*

Verlon Thompson - Jan 19, Sunday 6:00 pm *Cindy Bickford*

Uproot Hootenanny - Feb 16, Sunday 6:00 pm *Cindy Bickford*

Open House - *Carlos Gomez*

Card & Game Party - *Pat Johnsen*

Photo Expo - *Andy Bergsten*

Breastfest - Mar 14, Saturday *Jodee McCollum*

Mah Jongg Tournament - *Mary Halbleib*

Pickin' in the City - 1st & 3rd Sundays Jan-Mar 2:00 - 4:00 pm *Cindy Bickford*

Golden Brush Workshops: *Linda Selleck*

Joan Roberts - Jan 14, Tuesday 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Heidi Montgomery - Jan 21, Tuesday 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

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!

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.**

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