

# April 2017 Newsletter

Saint James City Civic Association

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Got News? Email: lou.germani@verizon.net The next newsletter will be published November 1, 2017. Submit your news before 10/25/17 for the November 1st Newsletter - printable version of the newsletter is on our website!

## April Members' Meeting:

**Monday April 17th**

**Potluck - 6:00pm**

**Association Meeting - 6:45pm**

**Island Crafters:** The island crafters are busy with lots of fun projects - come join us and find out what you've been missing. All are welcome, it's a very friendly group of ladies, men can surely join us. We meet Wednesdays 9-11:30pm.

**Mah Jongg:** As the winter season draws to a close, we wish safe travels to our Snowbird players. However, that doesn't mean Mah Jongg is over. We will still play every Thursday at 1 pm. Nothing short of a hurricane prevents us from meeting. Summer is a great time for beginners to join us!

**Book Club:** Carol Roscher has agreed to become the new facilitator for the book club. My time there was delightful and we have built a solid literary group. A special thanks to Carol.

**Topical Talks:** Our first meeting was held on March 1st and featured Pine Island's own Carlos Gomez. He was a dynamic speaker with a well attended audience. We look forward to our next speaker, American Tumble Weeds author, Marta Elva. Please join us for another exciting evening.

**Happy Islander's Monday Bridge** continues thru the summer at noon as always. We would love to welcome new faces!

**The winners of the 2016 Ward Award** are:

Kristen Bartlett and Stephen Smith AND  
Joan and Phil Rosenberg! To read more details on the winners and their contributions "[click here](#)"

**Thank you:**

**To Dottie Kernaghan** for being the Wednesday Bridge "Slambidders" Activity Leader & a welcome to Joyce Coryell for taking on Dottie's former position. Thank you Dottie for your years of service - you will certainly be missed!

**To Ellie Fenyo** who has retired from being the pot luck/membership meeting/speaker activity leader. Thank you for all your hard work on this Ellie!

**To Harold Hilaski** who has been kind enough to volunteer to advertise our future events by distributing garden signs around the Island -Thank you, Harold!

We have installed a **new staircase** with handrails leading to our stage. Please utilize it for fundraisers & concerts.

## GOLDEN BRUSH

SJCCA's painting group, Order of the Golden Brush, continues the welcoming environment established 45 years ago by our founder, Gladys Stroud.

Whether novice, experienced, or, just curious about painting, all are encouraged to come on Tuesday mornings at 10 A.M.

**April Workshop: Joan Roberts** will return for final workshop this spring on Tuesday, April 4th from 1 to 4 P.M. Joan exhibits locally at Island Visions Gallery in Matlacha, where her expressionistic paintings of fish, pineapples, beach scenes and flowers are familiar. Information and Registration: Please call Kathryn McMillan at 283-9391

**Spaghetti Dinner:** The thank yous and rave reviews have been filling up the newsletter editor's email box. Thanks all our wonderful volunteers who helped make the spaghetti dinner such a success, including a salad lover's salad, pasta and bread done just right, delicious meatballs and mouth watering desserts. The new recipes and fresh ingredients made it better than a 5 star restaurant! A special thanks to Barb for making the best tomato sauce on Pine Island. Barb sends her compliments to the Spaghetti Dinner crew! "Kudos to the chefs, kitchen crew - all workers. It was a wonderful evening of fine food, toe tapping music, a chance to visit with old friends. WHO COULD ASK FOR ANYTHING MORE. B & B La Plante"

**Breast Fest** was very well attended and our last **Big Breakfast** of the season was a success. Thank you to all volunteers who shop, set up, cook, serve & clean up a delicious breakfast!

## "Members Only" Page

Our SJCCAPI website now has a "Members Only" page. You can access the minutes from association (general) meetings and board meetings. Monthly financial statements will be added shortly.

This is your page! We need to know what you would like to see!

**To access the Members Only page:** click on the "Login/Signup" button at the top right of the Home page. The Sign Up information will appear. Your current membership status will be verified and you will be approved!

As always, if you have any questions or need assistance, click the "Contact Us" link at the bottom of this Newsletter or on the website!

**President News:**

A gentle reminder that unless alcohol insurance has been purchased for an event, activity leaders must let your attendees know that they are NOT allowed to bring any sort of alcohol (wine, beer, hard liquor). It has been somewhat overlooked in the past.

Shari Perkins, board member and SueAnn Germani, VP are working on two different endeavors to keep us in active communications and liaison with all the Pine Island leaders.

**Volunteer alert:** We need someone to take on the Civic Association Building Maintenance position. Recruitment for volunteers is ongoing. We have mostly the same hardworking group of individuals and would like to see more of our membership join in the fun and camaraderie, especially when it comes to clean up post events. We will be putting together a kitchen cleaning group for "off season" so kindly forward your name to me so we can give the kitchen a thorough overhaul to be sparkling clean. Pat Johnsen and me will be the official kitchen activity leaders as that position has been vacated for some time.

**BINGO:** My spouse, Craig Bruckner, and I are looking for four committed volunteers to join us in reviving BINGO. We initially plan to hold a monthly Bingo night during January through March to see how well it is received. Please contact me as it was a fun fundraiser for the attendees and civic center.

Please keep on thinking of **new activities** to add to our growing fun filled list of SJCCA activities. Remember, all it takes is an idea, a plan, a leader, and Board approval.

**Potential Club:** Someone suggested a **Kayak Club** and that sure sounded like a lot of fun to me. I would love to see this get off the ground and into the water (tee hee). Please contact me if you are interested in becoming an activity leader for this fun way to exercise, enjoy Pine Island from the water and meet new people. Nothing strenuous, just a fun, relaxing time on the water, exploring and enjoying.

Thank you, Paula L. Bruckner President

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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 -

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**\*\*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](mailto:info@sjccapi.org)**

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