



April 2020 Newsletter

Saint James City Civic Association

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Hello Everyone,

Wow, what a season this has been. And while it's kind of lonesome sheltering in place (as I hope you all are) it has not been without successes!

We have our **new floor**, and it adds so much to the Center, I wish we could all rush over there right now and celebrate it. **We owe the lovely new floor to the many hard working volunteers who raised the funds, people like Denny Decker, Pat Johnsen, Anne Sayer and Paula Bruinsslot** who have organized and run all those breakfasts and rummage sales for us. In fact **there is a small army of volunteers to thank**, many who will never get any personal recognition for what they have contributed. If you see one, let them know you appreciate their efforts on behalf of us all! **Special "thank you" to all of our Century Club members** who ear-marked their donations specifically for the floor replacement.

We missed out on some great activities because of Covid-19 but your board is planning new ones for the fall, some new to us and maybe one or two returning from the past, and of course, all the old favorites. We'll be back and we trust you will as well!

One more thing, this coming December we will hold a **general membership meeting** and we need you to do your best to attend. Besides voting in new officers, including president and vice-president, we're making some changes to the by-laws. Tentatively

we're planning **December 7th in the evening**. Please mark your calendars, it's important.

In the meantime, I want to hear from YOU. My personal email is dmhorn92@gmail.com. Tell me what you'd like to see, tell me what's wrong, tell me what's right. Do you want a date night dinner party or a horseshoe pit? What you would like to see us address next, because this is YOUR club, not mine alone. Your ideas matter, so tell me what they are!

I look forward to hearing from you, and to seeing you next season.

Diane Horn, President

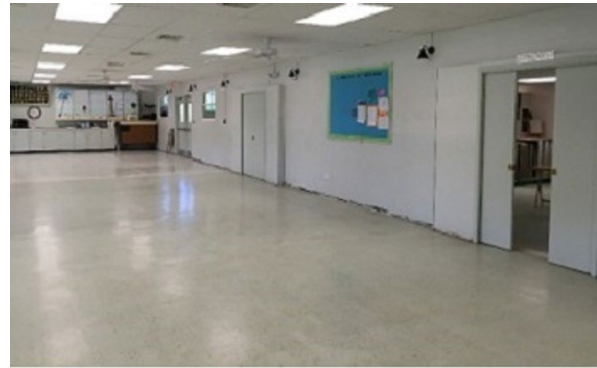
Kiwanis Park is open for the children to enjoy!

I stopped by this morning to take a few pictures for this newsletter and had the opportunity to meet one of the regulars, Miss Emma. She highly recommends the slide and is very pleased with the addition of soft mulch to "cushion the tush"!



New Floor for the SJCCA

After many years, meetings, fund raising, opinions and discussion the civic center has a new floor! The old floor had developed an uneven surface that was difficult to clean. Also, the uneven surface did not provide sure footing for activities and those with balance issues. **Here is the old floor:**



Old Floor - ☹️ sad & 🌫️ lumpy

The new floor is comprised of vinyl plank flooring that is durable and stands up well to heavy foot traffic. It is comfortable under foot and reduces noise, which is a bonus for the civic center. It is easy to maintain and individual planks can be replaced in the event of damage. The weathered "wood look" is perfect for Pine Island - **here is the new floor:**



Gatherings and Event News

Breakfast / Rummage Sales / Craft Vendors

We owe a huge thank-you to all of our volunteers and customers for a successful 2019/2020

“BIG BREAKFAST” season. The four breakfasts contributed \$4,900 in profits to support future operations. Unfortunately, we had to cancel the March breakfast due to COV-19 concerns. Additionally, Anne Sayer’s group of volunteers supporting her three rummage sales provided \$4,550 in profits and Ellie’s craft vendors provided \$935 in profits. It is apparent that all three of these activities conducted simultaneously attract large crowds, contributing to our overall success.

Anticipating board approval, next year’s BIG BREAKFAST dates are November 13th, December 12th (free breakfast for all members, \$7 for non-members), January 16th, February 13th and March 6th.

Thanks again for all of your support for these events!

Denny Dekker

Dueling Pianos Concert Refunds:

If anyone still has tickets for the Dueling Pianos show which was cancelled, please contact Cindy ASAP for refunds. Any tickets **not turned in by April 30th will be considered a donation.**

Cindy Bickford 239-282-9478

Activity News

EUCHRE DURING THE PANDEMIC

When I said, "I'll go it alone,"
I didn't mean like this.



We miss the Euchre group. See you in the fall.

Darlene and Jan

Euchre

Darlene Bender penned this cartoon for the Euchre group to let everyone know that although this season ended abruptly, next season will be here before you know it!

**Darlene Bender and
Jan Robertson**

Exercise Class

Hello Everyone,

Please note that **exercise class** will start up again in September or October on normal days of Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30 am - 9:30 am.

Thank you,
Jodee Nelson McCollum



Golden Brush

Golden Brushers enjoyed painting together on Tuesday mornings throughout the season, until the virus caused a halt. The comraderie continues as members check in with one another.

Although our final workshops were cancelled, with optimism, we are already planning workshops for next season!

Linda Selleck



Line Dancing

Line Dancing at the SJCCA has ended for the season. However, many of us are pushing back the furniture in our living rooms, cranking up the music, and dancing along with Youtube videos to chase away cabin fever!

Below are a few pictures from our **Dance Team performing at Gulf Coast Village**. The residents enjoyed the entertainment as much as we had dancing!

We will resume dance at the Civic Association the first Monday in December.

Chris Miley



Mah Jongg

As I was watching TV this morning, one of the commentators mentioned her mother was very upset that her Mahjongg group was canceled due to the corona virus. Perhaps most of us feel the same, especially since the new cards are out. We know this will end. Rest assured, we will play during the summer when it is safe to meet again. Meanwhile stay safe and stay well.

BJ Skribiski

Up till now the Thursday Mah Jongg group has only missed playing because of Thanksgiving, Christmas and Irma. Now COVID19 has stopped us in our tracks, but have no fear we will resume as soon as we get the "all clear". So players study those new cards and be ready to play this summer. Be prepared to be dazzled by our beautiful new floors. New players, this will be a great time for you to join us as we all **will be playing the new 2020 card**. Hope to see you all soon!

Pat Johnsen



Ping Pong

When we can return to social interactions, there are now **4 ping pong tables available for play**. Watch SJCCA Facebook page or website for updated news on when play can resume. In the meantime, be safe, stay healthy.

We are sad to announce the passing of our dear friend and ping pong player Jim Sullivan.

Jim was a very kind hearted person who stayed optimistic through his health issues.

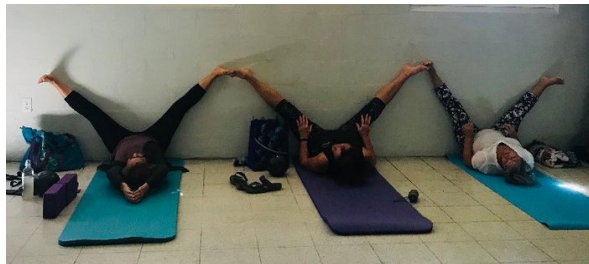
Cindy Bickford



Yoga Tune-Up - with Michelle Jordahl

As our season ends early this year I am grateful for all of you making the classes so fulfilling both physically and mentally. I so enjoyed sharing my Yoga and myofascial release class with you. Be safe and healthy and "keep rolling ". Have a great summer see you next season!

Michelle



In Memory of Jim Sullivan

"Jim Sullivan was an exceptional person who fought his squamous cell cancer until there was nothing more to fight. When he left us he was in full control of his mind, alert and cognizant, and aware of the love and support of his friends.

When Jim was sick, his best motivation to get better was to get "back to ping pong" at

the civic center, where he was the activity coordinator. He loved coming home all sweaty and invigorated; he laughed under his breath when folks commented that it was a little "plop-plop-plop" game.

His activities at SJCCA were mostly those that he did without recognition, like maintenance projects. He would always help when asked. He was non-judgemental and a true gentleman, and will be missed by everyone who knew him."

Junk in the Trunk

Are you consolidating or reorganizing your Pine Island home and/or garage? Do you have items too good to toss? Please hold on to them until the fall!

We are planning on having a "**Junk in the Trunk**" sale in November. The Civic Center parking lot will be the venue for people to sell their own stuff. We will charge a fee for the parking space, but all profit from your sales belong to you!

Current plans are to conduct the sale with the November breakfast - keep it in mind and check our calendar. Updates and details will be announced in upcoming Newsletters!

All Activities Suspended Until Fall 2020

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 *Mary Tobias / Ellie Fenyohazi*

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

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

Cribbage - Thursdays (Nov - Apr) 6:45 - 9:30 pm *Peter Barson*

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 - Apr) 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 *Cindy Bickford*

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 Schreibman*
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

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:** Our website has 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 **on our website** 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 on our website.**

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