



St. James City Civic Assn

3300 Fourth Avenue, St. James City, Fl. 33956
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Newsletter April 2016

For information about our ongoing activities, visit our web site:

www.sjccapi.org & join our Facebook page
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This is our last newsletter published for the 2015/2016 season. The next newsletter will be published November 1.

Submit your news by 10/25/2016

General Members' Meeting and Speaker, April 18.

Social hour & Potluck dinner: 6 pm

Members' Meeting: 6:45

Speaker 7:00 – Lee County Sheriff's Office

Topic: Phone and email scams targeting the senior population. Note: This will be our last potluck and membership meeting for the season.

Big Breakfast: Once again the 2015/2016 season of Big Breakfasts and the Members' Holiday Dinner were a great success! Thank you to the six year leadership of Stephen Smith and Kristen Bartlett, their terrific kitchen team of Denny & Andrea Dekker, Howard & Molly Dreiseszun, Paula Clegg & Terry Hood, Ross and Mary Halbleib, Lynn Smith, and cashier Harold Hilaski with a big round of applause to the Hosts with the Mostest Phil & Joan Rosenberg, Ellie Fenyohazi, and Linda Selleck. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with advertising, entertainment, kitchen staff and dining room. Your dedication is greatly appreciated!

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Golden Brush: SJCCA's painting group, Order of the Golden Brush, continues to welcome novices and experienced artists every Tuesday morning at 10 A.M. A variety of workshops this season have been offered and enjoyed by members and nonmembers. A Saturday workshop with Roy John Fuller encouraged those attending to try their hand with big brush watercolor. Corine Beving introduced sculpture to a happy group on March 22. Advanced alcohol ink workshop with Pat Johnson, March 29 and April 5, will conclude the workshops for this season. Keep checking the web site and the newsletter for future workshops.

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Bridge, mah jongg and exercise classes will continue during the **summer**. Check with activity leaders (phone number and email address listed on the web site) if you have questions. Check for summer events announcements on our web site: www.sjccapi.org or Facebook page.

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The Booster Club raffle winners are Ellie Fenyohazi, Happy Island Bridge, Clara McKnight, Lynn Sarda, Mary Schuette and BJ Skribiski. Thank you to everyone who donated, including photographs by Sal Anastasio, Lynn Sarda, Ken Johnsen and Ron Mayhew, and art work by Rachi Farrow and Carol Hoyem.

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WARD AWARD recipients were BJ Austin and Buzz and Barbara LaPlante. The Ward Award recognizes outstanding, exceptional, long term volunteers, an indispensable part of our wonderful SJCCA. A big thank you to these 3 people and all their contributions. We would be nothing without you. Our members thank you.

A note from Buzz & Barb La Plante: We both were busy working in the kitchen the night of the spaghetti dinner. We were speechless when we were called out, and overwhelmed, when awarded the Ward Award! What a wonderful honor, such a beautiful plaque, and to see our names added to the wonderful roster of volunteers at the SJCCA; it hasn't really sunk in for us. Thank you all for the recognition! We are so proud to be listed with such a dedicated group of people who preceded us, and who, since our early days on the island, we had the privilege of working with. It really hit home, as we looked down that list of other volunteers, and realized we had been added to that group. Our sincere and heartfelt thanks to everyone.

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A big "Thank you!" to all who worked on the spaghetti dinner last month. It was a big success and raised \$1400. It takes a village to bring it all together. This was my last year as chairperson; I am turning over the torch to Ellie. My sincere thanks to Idle Speed band from KOA for their wonderful music over the years. Thanks also for the Dennis Ward Award! I truly did not expect it. BJ Austin

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A Note from your **Membership** Chairperson: Membership requests that everyone be sure their membership is up to date before they leave for their summer adventures. The new membership for 2017 will start November 1st and it can get real confusing in the transition. Please support all our activities and improvement needs with your 2016 membership dollars and consider signing up with Pat Johnson for the Booster Club. Call Shelley at [239-910-3203](tel:239-910-3203).

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**Spring Cleaning?** Don't forget to keep saving stuff for the fall rummage sales. If you have items you need us to pick up call Shelley at [239-910-3203](tel:239-910-3203). We can't take large furniture or TVs, but we have room for other items to store for the summer. Computer Tutor now has an active beginner iPad group. Join us for lessons on Thursdays at 10:30am. You'll be glad you did. We are always looking for **volunteers** to step forward. Most pressing is a leader to fill our popular

**Big Breakfast** Stephen Smith's shoes in our kitchen. He is retiring (he will lurk in the shadows to help) after a long reign as chief cook and bottle washer. Our meals are loved by our members and the greater community, and a very good fund raiser. We would love for you home chefs to give it a try. Help!

We need a **membership chairman** for 2017. Shelley McManus has graciously stepped forward to fill the Membership Chairman for the balance of 2016

Thank you to everyone who chooses electronic delivery of this newsletter! This newsletter costs about \$.80 to print and mail each month.

Paula Bruckner, board member, is looking for input from the membership regarding ideas that they would like to see for **events and fundraising**.

Please email her with your ideas at paulabruckner6175@gmail.com

**Newsletter Assistant Needed** – Our newsletter editor is looking for an assistant. If you willing to help a few hours per month with folding, labeling, or proofreading, please contact Chris at SJCCAnews@gmail.com.

SJCCA **maintenance issues** can be directed to Charles Epranian, our Veep and new building maintenance director, ph. 410-2515, [vicepresident@sjccapi.org](mailto:vicepresident@sjccapi.org). We are looking for someone willing to be his assistant.

**2016 St. James City Civic Center  
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION –**

Year Oct 1, 2015 – Sept 30, 2016

also available at: [www.sjccapi.org](http://www.sjccapi.org)

mail to: SJCCA, PO Box 605, St. James City, FL 33956

Membership Fee: \$20 per person

NAME::Mr/Mrs/Ms (first) \_\_\_\_\_ (last) \_\_\_\_\_

LOCAL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

City: ( SJC BOK MAT or ?): \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: Local \_\_\_\_\_ Off Season: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: (PLEASE!!) \_\_\_\_\_

Please send my SJCCA Newsletter to: (Save us postage if you can!!!)

\_\_\_\_ My E-mail address (Best option ) \_\_\_\_\_ My LOCAL address, above

Activities I attend \_\_\_\_\_

I would also like to volunteer to help (Yes/No/Maybe): \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*\*\* Admin Notes: to be filled out by Volunteer accepting this application \*\*\*\*\*

: Volunteer's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Paid (yes/no) \_\_\_\_\_ Card Issued (yes/no) \_\_\_\_\_

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