

December '18 Newsletter

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Happy Holidays to all of our Saint James City Civic Center friends and family!

Thank you everyone who donated items and volunteered to make the November fundraiser the huge success it was.

Our **annual Holiday dinner** is coming up, and as we celebrate, let's keep in mind those who are less fortunate. If we all pitch in and **bring a non perishable food item to donate to the food pantry**, we can make a big difference for our Pine Island neighbors. It has been a tough year for many businesses due to water conditions and the food pantry shelves are rather depleted .

Our **2nd annual Open House** is scheduled for Sunday January 6th, 12-4pm. We are asking all activity leaders to plan on attending and promoting their activity, light refreshments will be served. We had a great turnout last year!

Following the open house at 6 pm the band "**Uproot Hootennany**" will provide entertainment. Tickets are selling fast, so make sure you to call Cindy Bickford - great fun for everyone!

On **Saturday January 19th** a big breakfast, rummage, plant sale and arts and crafts vendors are scheduled. We're in need of donations for the sale and volunteers to help run the event. We could not have these successful events without **our wonderful volunteers** -

Thank you, Ellie Fenyohazi
President SJCCA

Since we are on the subject of our annual Holiday Dinner.....

Note: The background this month is a picture of the 2002 Holiday Dinner kitchen crew!

The holiday season is upon us and it's time for the us to celebrate at the Civic Center! Mark your calendars for the "**free to members**" **Holiday meal** on **Saturday, December 15th**. A traditional meal of roasted turkey, dressing, whipped potatoes, gravy, green beans, cranberries, rolls, desserts and coffee and tea will be served from **11:30AM-1PM**.

As always, we depend on our volunteers to provide these events. That said, we are looking for volunteers that like to **bake** to provide a dessert of their choice. These desserts will need to be delivered to the Civic Center on Friday, December 14th between 10:30 and noon. We also need volunteers to **cook turkeys**. The turkeys will be bagged and ready for the oven and will need to be picked up at the Civic Center on Thursday, December 13th between 10:30-11:30 AM. The turkeys will need to be returned warm on Friday, December 14th between 10:30-11AM. We also need volunteers for **setup, servers and hostesses**. If interested, **please sign up on the board posted in the large room.**

"Thank You" to all of our members who volunteer throughout the year!

Denny Dekker, Holiday Dinner (and Breakfast!) Planner and Facilitator



Book Club - Second Monday each month
9:00 - 10:30 am

On December 10th we will discuss our current book selection **The Last Days of Cafe Leila by Donia Bijan**. This powerful story of food, family and a bittersweet homecoming is set in Iran. Noor, living in San Francisco, missed her father in Iran and dragged her teenage daughter with her back to Tehran and the Cafe Leila, the restaurant her family has run for three generations.

The SJCCA Book Club is open to all members and their guests along with interested readers and listeners from the community. Please join us for lively discussion and literary good fellowship. **Contact: Carol Roscher**
carol.roscher@gmail.com

FYI.....

The Lee County Library System has **two volunteer positions** - **Community Conversations** connects volunteers with assisted living facilities to read with residents and discuss topics provided. Training is provided.

Second, **Literacy Buddies** connects volunteers with students through books donated, three times a year.

Contact the Pine Island Library or any Lee County Library branch for more info.

Mah Jongg - Thursdays 1:00 - 4:00 pm "all year 'round"

Our Mah Jongg group is growing! On Thursday, Nov 28, seventeen "ladies of the tiles" played this fun, simple yet complex, and addictive tile game. Originating in China as a gambling parlor game, the term roughly translates to "clattering sparrows" due to the sounds of the tiles being shuffled. Bams, Cracks, and Dots are some of the tiles used to play Mah Jongg. You, too, could become part of this great group; **we enjoy welcoming and teaching newcomers** because we know that you, too, will become addicted and play with us regularly. We play Thursdays year-around from 1:00-4:00. There is also a lot of **laughter, visiting and great snacks** that magically appear as players drift in during the afternoon. For every Mah Jongg you get a MardiGras necklace to wear for the afternoon, and there is optional scoring of the first ten games; you might even get your name in the Eagle! By: Mary Schuette

Contact Activity Leader: BJ Skribiski 239-283-9140

BIG NEWS Save the date: March 14, 2019
The SJCCA Mah Jongg group will be hosting their **first official Mah Jongg Tournament**. Plan for a full day of Mah Jongg, including continental breakfast, great lunch and cash prizes. Details to come after the first of the year. Don't miss the fun!

*******Corrections to Yoga Class Schedules*******

Yoga Slow Flow - Friday Classes are ending December 2018. Jaime Boswell will continue to offer a Thursday (10:30 - 11:45 am) class series in 2019. Build balance, strength and stability. Contact Jaime: jaimeboswell@live.com or 239-851-5351

Yoga Flow Wednesday Classes - Cancelled for 2019. Michelle Jordahl will continue to offer a Yoga Tune Up class series on Mondays (11:00 - 12:00) in 2019. Alleviate knots and tension in the muscle fascia. Contact Michelle: Mjordahl5@gmail.com or 952-221-6256



Euchre - Wednesdays 6:30 - 8:30 pm We are back on schedule! Come join our fun and friendly group - if you don't know how to play, we can teach you! **Last season, Peg Cullen took on the role of activity leader**, but unfortunately can no longer lead our group, **Thank You, Peg** for keeping Euchre going at the Civic Center! But never fear - **Darlene Bender 260-437-4392 and Jan Robertson 239-282-1053 are the new activity leaders**

Come enjoy **'Easy Does It' Line Dancing** classes every Monday at 4 pm, beginning December 3, with an exciting new format. Class time will be extended 20 minutes from prior years, and will run from 4 pm to 5:50. This will allow time to focus on beginner dances early in the class, more challenging dances during the last portion of the class, and formation of a dance team. Come join us! Beginners are always welcome. No experience necessary, no special equipment required (just wear comfortable shoes). Member cost \$5 per class. **Contact: Chris Miley 810-694-8174**

Golden Brush! Tuesday mornings 10:00am - 1:00pm

If you haven't located your paint brush and pencil, it's time! If you've been wondering about playing with acrylics, oils, watercolors or pastels, this is the place. SJCCA's painting group welcomes newcomers and returning members on Tuesday mornings at 10. Whether you are an amateur, or an experienced artist, Golden Brush looks forward to meeting you. As Ralph Waldo Emerson reminded us, "Every artist was first an amateur."

Contact: Linda Selleck at selleclin@gmail.com

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AND the first workshop of the season will be on January 15th from 1 to 4 P.M. with guest artist, Nancy Lenz Barr. Explore your creative side, as Nancy guides participants in decorating a magnetic board using alcohol inks. All materials will be provided, but feel free to bring extra embellishments; such as ribbons, shells, sparkles, beads, buttons and bows!

Cost: \$45

Information/Registration: Call Nancy at 630-768-0194 or email at zneln08@yahoo.com

The Pine Island Food Pantry needs our help!

The holiday season has started and many people on our beautiful island are struggling. Red tide and blue-green algae affected many businesses and their employees. The **Food Pantry is having trouble keeping shelves stocked** due to increased demand, so let's help them out!

Just think **if every member dropped off a can of soup, box of spaghetti, coffee, cereal, hamburger helper** when they attend an activity or at the Holiday Dinner - **what an impact we can make!**

Please bring a little something with you next time you visit the Civic Center - **Thank You! Pat Johnsen**

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 *Kay Winter* (until Joyce Coryell returns)
Fridays - Open Bridge - 7:00 pm *Bonnie Love*
Cribbage - Thursdays (Nov 29 - Apr) 6:45 - 9:30 pm *Mike Mulder*
Dominoes - Tuesdays 6:30 - 7:30 pm (currently full - call first) *Fran Wolford*
Euchre - Wednesdays 6:30 - 8:30 pm *Darlene Bender / Jan Robertson*
Exercise - Tuesday and Thursdays 8:30 - 9:30 am *Jodee McCollum*
Island Crafters - Wednesdays 9:00 am - 12:00 pm *Ellie Fenyohazi*
Golden Brush - Tuesdays 10:00 am - 1:00 pm *Linda Selleck*
Line Dancing - Mondays 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 (Nov&Dec see calendar) 6:30 - 8:00 pm *Andy Bergsten*
Shuffleboard - Tuesdays 9:00 am & Fridays 9:00 am *R Cleenput / Mike Schreiber*
Yoga Jaime Boswell - Thursdays 10:30 - 11:45 am (Fridays 8:30 am ends Dec 21st)
Yoga Tune-Up with Michelle Jordahl - Mondays 11:00 - 12:00 am

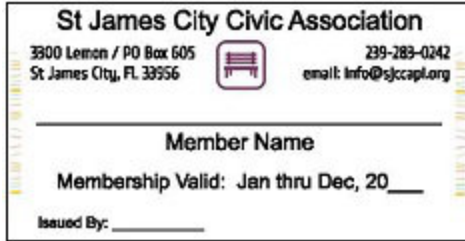
Events and Gatherings

Big Breakfast - Nov 17, Jan 19, Feb 16 & Mar 9 Sat morning *Denny Dekker*
Rummage Sale - Nov 17, Feb 16 Sat morning *Shelley McManus*
Holiday Dinner - Dec 15, Saturday 11:30 am *bring your 2018 member card!*
Spaghetti Dinner - Mar 5, Tuesday 4:00 pm *Ellie Fenyohazi*

Concerts: **Uproot Hootenanny** - Jan 6, Sunday 6:00 pm *Cindy Bickford*
Dueling Pianos - Feb 17, Sunday 6:00 pm *Cindy Bickford*
Duos & Duets - Mar 10, Sunday 6:30 pm *Cindy Bickford*

Nurses in the Neighborhood - First Saturday each month at 10:00 am starting December 1 ****NEW** details to be finalized**
Open House - Jan 6, Sunday 12:00 *Carlos Gomez*
Card & Game Party - Feb 13, Wednesday *Pat Johnsen*
Photo Expo - Feb 22 / 23, Friday / Saturday *Andy Bergsten*
Breastfest - Mar 9, Saturday *Jodee McCollum*
Mah Jongg Tournament - Mar 14, Thursday *BJ Skribiski & Mary Schuette*

Golden Brush Workshops: *Linda Selleck*
Nancy Barr - Alcohol Ink Jan 15, Tuesday 1:00 pm
Janet Sams - Glass Art Jan 22, Tuesday 1:00 pm
Mel Meo - Acrylics Jan 29, Tuesday 1:00 pm
Jean Curley - Watercolor Feb 19th, Tuesday 1:00 pm



2019 Membership Dues

Annual Membership Dues are \$25 for the 2019 calendar year. If you did not receive your membership card, check the "Membership Applications" bin next to the ladies room.

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**

****We no longer have the resources to mail out Newsletters through the post office. However, if you are a **current member** and provide us with your email address, we will add you to our list! 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.**

****Our website has a **Members Only page** to provide our members with information such as **SJCCA Contact Information**, 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 by the Members Only menu tab.****