

November 2017 Newsletter

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Activity Season Openers

News / Dates / Information:

General: It's time to **renew your membership!** Our membership "year" now ends December 31st. When you renew your current membership, **it will be extended through December 31, 2018.** Annual Membership is \$20 per person. Applications are available at the Civic Center and on our website. Most of our Activities and Club Meetings cost \$2.00 per person for current Members and \$4.00 for Non-Members. Please go to our website for more information about our activities, membership applications and a printable calendar.

Friday Night Bridge - November 10th Friday night from 7:00 to 10:00 - Come join us for a fun evening of bridge at the St. James City Civic Center. We play every Friday night starting promptly at 7 pm, so arrive a few minutes before! We finish around 10 pm and you don't need a partner. **Contact: Bonnie Love (239) 224-2533**

Speaking of **Bridge.....Happy Islanders** - Meet every **Monday 12:30pm** - our game start time has changed from noon to 12:30! No partner needed. **Contact: Barb Covitz 203- 470-2254 carpusdeum@gmail.com.....Slambidders** - Meet every **Wednesday at 12:30pm** all year round! Join us - **Contact: Joyce Coryell (239) 283-8254 orchid4ever@embarqmail.com**

Ping Pong - Monday and Thursday from 9:00 am to 11:30 am Our first game of the season will be **Thursday, November 9th!** Ping Pong is played in the small room, both singles and doubles play - stop by for a game or two! **Contact: Jim Sullivan (239) 896-0199**

Island Crafters - Island crafters will resume meeting **November 1st, Wednesday morning from 9:00 am to 11:30 am.** Lots of new craft projects are scheduled - come, join the fun! Questions? **Call Ellie at 973-650-9168**

Mah Jongg - Meets at the Civic Center **every Thursday at 1:00pm.** We play by the National Mah Jongg League rules, not for money but for beads to keep track of our wins. Everyone is welcome. We are always willing to teach new comers! Per SJCCA the fee is \$2.00 for members and \$4.00 for non members. If you ever wondered about Mah Jongg, come by for a friendly welcome and a chance to learn how the game is played! **Contact: BJ Skribiski (239) 283-9140**

Easy Does It Beginner Line Dancing - Starts **Monday, December 4, from 4:00 - 5:30 pm,** and continues every Monday afternoon. Come dance with us! No experience required, no special equipment needed. It's healthy, it's fun, it's good company, it's easy. Beginners are always welcome. Questions? **Call Chris Miley at 810-694-8174**

Exercise Class - Tuesdays and Thursdays - 8:30 am to 9:30 am. Exercise Class has been well attended since Tuesday, October 3rd. Men and Women of all ages are welcome. Come stretch with us!!! **Contact: Jodee McCollum (239) 283-4790 or travelagentjodee@yahoo.com**

Golden Brush - Join us every **Tuesday**, from **10:00 am to 1:00 pm**. Our members started to meet in October and look forward to another season of creativity! Guest artists and workshops will be announced when they are finalized. Go to our website for pictures, artists and workshops from prior years! **Contact: Mary Ann at (239) 243-9337 for further information**

Book Club - Second Monday of each month - 9:30 am Come at 9:10 am to help set up, socialize, enjoy refreshments. We start promptly at 9:30! On **Monday, November 13** we gather to discuss **Ivan Doig's "LAST BUS TO WISDOM"**. The adventures of eleven year old Donal Cameron are traced in this final novel by Ivan Doig. **Contact: Email Carol Roscher at carol.roscher@gmail.com for more information.**

Photo Club - Second and Fourth Monday of each month - 7:00 pm Our first meeting will be **Monday, November 13**. Everyone is welcome - beginners to experts! We learn by sharing ideas and experience. **Contact: Andy Bergsten (617) 347-5086 andyvox@comcast.net for more information.**

RUMMAGE SALE

November 18, 2017 - Saturday
8:00 am - Noon

Donations may be dropped off beginning **November 1st** in the screened lanai.

Volunteers are needed to: sort items, setup display tables, item sales and post event help

Our first **Rummage Sale** will have a great selection of **books** for sale and **plants** will be available on the porch. It is "pre holiday" so this will be everyone's chance to buy **Christmas items** at the 25 cent Christmas table.

If you would like to **volunteer** call: **Shelley McManus at 239-910-3203**. We need help during our **set up on 11/16, Thursday morning from 11am to 4pm and 11/17, Friday from 9 am to 4 pm**. We will also need help during the sale and after the sale for cleanup.

Rummaging can work up an appetite! So join us for.....

Big Breakfast

November 18th 8:00 to 10:00 am

Stop in for a delicious hot breakfast - eggs, sausage, toast, coffee,tea. All are welcome - you don't have to be a member! **Contact: Denny Dekker (239) 284-9110** to volunteer with setup, serving and cleanup

MEMBER ASSOCIATION MEETING
POTLUCK AND GUEST SPEAKER
November 20th, Monday Night!

This is an evening for all to attend! Our **first meeting for members**, old and new, is an opportunity to catch up with friends and find out what's in store this season. Enjoy a **potluck supper** before an update from our Board of Directors. Then we have a **special guest speaker** presentation from **Charles Sobczak**, an author from Sanibel Island, Florida.

If you haven't renewed your membership or would like to become a member, this is a perfect opportunity to do so!

5:30 pm - Potluck Supper

Please bring a dish or dessert to share. A chance to "meet and greet" other members over a shared meal. This is "potluck" so bring your own place setting. Coffee and tea will be provided, bottled water and soft drinks are available for purchase.

6:45 pm - Association Meeting

An update from the Board of Directors about your SJCCA and our plans for the season! This is your chance to share your ideas and suggestions with other members.

7:00 pm - Guest Speaker: *Charles Sobczak*, author and naturalist

Charles Sobczak lives and writes on Sanibel Island, Florida. His first novel, ***Six Mornings on Sanibel***, was originally published in 1999 and is currently in its seventh printing. In 2007 Sobczak turned his attention to non-fiction and published ***Alligators, Sharks & Panthers: Deadly Encounters with Florida's Top Predator-Man***. The book went on to win several awards and continues to sell well in academic circles. In 2010 he published a nature guide titled, ***Living Sanibel – A Nature Guide to Sanibel & Captiva Islands***. The book quickly became the best-selling book on Sanibel and rose to #34 national for nature guide sales on Amazon.com during the winter of 2011.

His second nature guide, ***The Living Gulf Coast – A Nature Guide to Southwest Florida***, won the Gold Medal Presidents Award for the best work of Adult non-fiction, 2011, by the Florida Publisher's Association. The book covers all the birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians living within the six county region as well as 161 parks, preserves and eco-destinations where residents and visitors can discover these birds and animals in the wild. Sobczak is currently working on a novel.

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 - **Email: info@sjccapi.org**

****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.

****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**