

# October 2017 Newsletter

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## **Season Opener - A Note From Ellie:**

Dear members,

I hope everyone is well and with minimal damage to property. Yes, it was nerve racking to watch the forecast for Hurricane Irma a week in advance, never really sure where it was headed until the last minute. It was heading straight up the west coast, only to veer off just enough for the eye to miss our island. Thank God! We dodged the bullet, sadly others were not as lucky. Being without power was not easy. Let's hope there are no more hurricanes for a long time! I'm excited about the coming season to spend time with friends and meet new ones. Lots of activities starting up: exercise classes, yoga, lots of bridge, mah jongg, island crafters, art classes, big breakfasts, rummage sales, craft sales, our annual holiday dinner, Breast Fest, monthly pot luck suppers, ping pong, shuffle board are just some of the happenings.

Come join us at our home away from home, we are truly lucky to have so many wonderful people in our midst. A special thank you to all our volunteers, without you we could not do it.

Thank you all,

**Ellie Fenyohazi, President**

**We've been busy over the summer!** The parking lot asphalt was repaired and sealed, the sliding doors between the large and small rooms were replaced, our kitchen had a "deep clean" and the roof was replaced on the shed. **Come see what we've done, and while you're here, renew your membership!**

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## **Let's Get the 2018 Season Started!**

**Happy Islanders** - Monday Bridge will resume weekly play beginning **October 23<sup>rd</sup>**! Please note the starting time has been changed from noon to 12:30pm. All are welcome. Looking forward to seeing everyone! Barb Covitz 203- 470-2254 carpusdeum@gmail.com

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

**Exercise!** - Our popular **Exercise Classes** will begin on **October 3, 2017** for the upcoming season! Please join us for an exercise class offered on **Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30 am to 9:30 am**. Both men and women are encouraged to attend! Contact Jodee Nelson McCollum 239-283-4790 for more information

Join us on **October 16th at 5:30PM for Potluck Supper!** This is a great time to catch up with old friends and to meet new ones! We dine before the **SJCCA Members Association Meeting at 6:45PM** - stick around to find out what you may have missed over the summer and our plans for this season!

Bring your signature dish or dessert to share, and your own place setting

**Help Wanted!** We need your help to keep some of our activities on the schedule and to make

the 2018 season a great one! Please consider volunteering some time to help with setup, cleanup, kitchen, general maintenance. We all appreciate the Big Breakfast, Holiday Dinner, Spaghetti Supper, Rummage Sales and Member Activities! Just donating an hour here or there is a wonderful way to show appreciation and support for all the SJCCA has to offer.

**Please email us at [info@sjccapi.org](mailto:info@sjccapi.org). Or contact any board member or activity leader**

- **IPad Club** - needs an activity leader to coordinate the meetings and lead the group discussions. If anyone has ideas for the club to go in a different direction or expand on the content, your input is appreciated!
- **Euchre** - needs an activity leader! Members of the Euchre group - please let us know if one of you can step in to keep it going
- **Building Maintenance** - we need a "handyman" for occasional light repairs. If you can give us a helping hand, it would be greatly appreciated!

### **Golden Brush Artist's Work on Display!**

Our very own **Kathryn McMillan** was surprised to find her painting, "Beach Scene", created during a Golden Brush workshop with Joan Roberts - hanging on the street in Collinwood, Ontario! Kathryn's daughter, Anne Raciunas, took a picture of the painting during a visit last spring. Although Kathryn told her daughter the painting wasn't yet finished, Anne submitted it as a contest entry. It was acknowledged by the Collinwood judges and made into a street pole banner!

Come join the Golden Brush and express yourself! Our first meeting is **October 24th from 10:00AM to 1:00PM** - all are welcome! Please contact Mary Ann Harms 239-283-9337 if anyone would like to gather sooner - Linda Selleck will not be back until November.

For more information about the Golden Brush and Golden Brush Workshops. Contact: Linda Selleck 239-283-5207 [selleclin@gmail.com](mailto:selleclin@gmail.com)

**Welcome!** Patrick Smith, a member of our Photo Club, has agreed to accept a position on our Board of Directors. Patrick is a nurse for Hope Hospice and has cared for many of our Pine Island residents. He is an exceptional person and will be a wonderful addition to our Board! Contact Patrick at: 239-851-4223 [svgrayling@gmail.com](mailto:svgrayling@gmail.com)

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