



The Village Press

The Village Landlords Newsletter

**HAPPY
NEW
YEAR**

**Next Meeting is January 23rd, 2:15pm at Champion's Hall
6601 Blvd of Champions, North Lauderdale, FL 33068**

January 2011

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News From the President

by: Bob Obenland



I can't believe it's another year again. I hope everyone had a good holiday. With the start of a new year, it is Dues Time again. Individual membership is \$15 and family is \$25. You can pay at the January meeting or send to our post office box address if you cannot make the meeting:

**The Village Landlords
P.O. Box 670093
Coral Springs, FL 33067**

We had a great season of House Tours with a total of eleven. I would like to thank all our members that opened their homes to show us their Villages, and those members that attended. Everyone got some new ideas for next year.

We have included a page in this newsletter explaining a display contest the Village D-Light's magazine and the NCC are holding. Entrees need to be in by February 28th. Since there is to be only one entry per club, we need to know who is going to enter so we can pick the display to enter. Please let me know at the meeting or send me an E-mail if you plan to enter a display in the contest. My E-mail is obenland@aol.com

At this month's meeting we will have Felix Cruz, our Department 56 Rep, to talk about the company and all the new products. He has just been in Atlanta so he will have all the new information. You can see the new Village items on the D56 website now. I also received a copy of the new

book so you will be able to see it at the January meeting.

If you are unable to find Village, Snowbabies and Possible Dreams brochures at your local retail store, Department 56 has a good stock available for sale right now! The Village (99 pages) and Snowbabies (58 pages) brochures will each sell for \$4.50 plus shipping. The Possible Dreams (43 pages) brochure is \$5.95. To place an order that will ship immediately, call 1 (800) 548-8696 any week-day between 11 AM and 2 PM central standard time. This is the earliest these brochures have been available and now is the time to get the 2011 brochures to start your wish list for this year.

January's meeting will also be a good time to get those old items you missed or sell those extra items you have. We will be having a **Swap & Sell** at the January meeting. You will be able to buy and sell before and after the meeting, but please not during the meeting.

We hope to see you at the January meeting. Please note that we will be meeting at the new meeting hall, see the map at the end of the newsletter.





Our Next Meeting

by: Jerry Fernon

We are happy to report that once again, Felix Cruz will provide us with news from Dept 56. Felix's easy manor always makes for an enjoyable afternoon of getting the latest information and hopefully showing us what Dept 56 has come out with for the midyear releases. Looking forward to that!

We will also have a "SWAP and SELL" at this meeting. All members can bring their "no longer needed" Dept 56 houses and accessories to "swap and/or sell". Here is an opportunity to find some pieces you have been looking for and to "pass on some you no longer need". Bring cash or your checkbook—I have heard some real deals will be available!

Please limit this trading to prior to the meeting, during the break and after the meeting to limit the disruption.

We will be holding elections at this meeting for the following positions: 2nd Vice President, Programs Chairperson and Membership Chairperson. If you are interested in running for these positions, please be at the meeting on Sunday. See you there.



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Upcoming Events



- 01/23 — Village Landlords Meeting at 2:15 pm
- 02/15 — Village Landlords Board Meeting at 7:30 pm
- 02/27 — Village Landlords Meeting at 2:15 pm
- 03/15 — Village Landlords Board Meeting at 7:30 pm
- 03/27 — 6th Annual Picnic and VL Meeting at noon!



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November Meeting Highlights

by: **Bonnie Eichholtz**

If you missed the last meeting in November, here is what happened!

The new dates and location was announced at the meeting. Due to the availability of our new space (6601 Blvd of Champions, North Lauderdale, FL 33068) the dates of our meetings have changed to the **forth Sunday of the month**. That makes our next meeting date, January 23, 2011.

Bob let everyone know that club shirts are still available at \$20 each. Remember, wearing your club shirt will not only get you an extra door prize ticket, but it also shows your spirit and support of the club.

Jerry spoke about how Channel 6 had come to videotape his display and interview him and Bob for a segment that would be aired later that week. Jerry will be showing the segment at January's meeting, for anyone who may have missed it.

Chris announced that Silver Sleight would be having an open house, with demonstrations, food and discounts!



We had our annual Grinch Gift exchange during the meeting. "It is better to give than to receive" was **not** the message of the day. "It is better to take than to receive" was more like it. In fact—a few items exchanged hands multiple times — but it was all in good fun. At the end—there was even some pleasant bartering among the crowd.

There was no "special raffle" this month, but there were lots of door prizes and gifts for lucky participants in the Toys for Tots program. See below for the winners.

Bob talked about the Williamsburg villages that were announced at a special one day event in Williamsburg. 13 of our club members attended. **Gene and Josephine**

were naughty and had to be put in "time out". Be sure to ask Bonnie about getting her piece signed!

Chris suggested that when shopping at stores that support our group, to mention you are a member of the club. It let's them know their support is appreciated—and it might just get you an added discount!

Toys for Tot's Prizes:

Members bringing presents for Toys for Tots got one raffle ticket for each gift offered. Prizes were generously donated (and luckily won) by the following:

Department 56

Village roll of Moss - & M&M Candy Dish—**Gisela Suarez**
 North Pole Moving Day & Mickey Approved—**Guenther Heil**
 Snow Village On the Beat—**Chris Barrett**
 North Pole Everybody's been good this year—**Norm Barrett**
 CIC San Francisco Bait & Tackle—**Tom Shetler**
 Snow Babies Sisal Trees—**Tom Shetler**
 CIC A New Phonograph & the Caricature Artist—**Nancy Fernon**

Terri's Hallmark

\$20 Gift certificate & the Holly & the Ivy—**Guenther Heil**

Cross Stitch Cupboard

CIC , The Art Institute of Chicago—**Josephine Armeno**

Silver Sleigh

Snow Village Eden Prairie Inn Gift Set—**Bonnie Eichholtz**

Christmas Palace

\$25 Gift certificate—**Barbie Long**

The Village Landlords

Musical Fiber Optic Spruce and large tree—**Bonnie Eichholtz**

It is that time again, Election of Officers. Our bylaws calls for a member of the current board (Chris Barrett) and two members of the club (Barbie Long and Jackie Cramer) to create a nominating committee. Up for vote are the positions of 2nd Vice President, Programs Chair and Membership Chair. The voting will take place at the January meeting.

Door Prizes:

Set of Trees and Snow—**Mei-Hau Paige**
 Hot Wire—**Rosann Abrams**
 Patience Brewster Cards—**Fran Biedinger**
 Village Streets—**Dan Layton**
 Santa Mug—**Roseann Abrams**
 Frosty Light Spray—**Genevieve Alt**
 Snowman Sign—**Dan Layton**
 Twinkling lit shrubs—**Peggy Mead**
 City Tree with Fencing—**Charlie Heinsinger**
 Set of Tree's and Snow—**Dottie Winzell**
 Snowman—**Nancy Fernon**
 Fence—**Dottie Winzell**
 Bag of Trees—**Peggy Mead**
 Bag of Trees—**Dan Layton**



The Treasury Report

by: Peggy Mead

Treasurers Report for
December, 2010.

Beginning Balance \$3,341.54

Deposits

Membership \$140.00

Total Deposits \$140.00

Expenses

Meeting \$28.77

NCC Dues \$36.00

Picnic \$175.00

Refreshments \$9.88

Total Expenses \$249.65

Ending Balance \$3,231.89

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Hospitality Helpers

by: Peggy Layton

I enjoyed being with all of
you at the Open House and
seeing all the beautiful displays. May this new
year be a happy and healthy one for all.

Here is a list of the people bringing desserts to
January's meeting:

Josephine Armeno
Fran Biedinger
Roseann Abrams
Debbie & Bill King
Carlos & Gisela Suarez
Elaine Smith
Donna Fresquez
Tom Shetler

**The Abrams has offered to bring the Soda
and water for the January and February
meetings—thanks guys!**



CHICKEN SAUSAGE CACCIA-TORE

Now that the holiday season is over, here is an easy crockpot recipe
I am sure you all will like.

- 1 large green pepper sliced into 1" strips
- 1 cup of sliced mushrooms
- 1 medium onion sliced in rings
- 1 lb. of Italian sausage (browned)
- 1 lb. of skinless, boneless chicken breasts (browned)
- 1/2 tsp. dried oregano
- 1/2 tsp. dried basil
- 1 1/2 cups of Italian tomato sauce

Layer veg. in crockpot. Top with meat. Sprinkle with oregano and
basil. Top with tomato sauce. Cover & cook on low for 8 hrs.

Remove cover during last 30 minutes of cooking time to allow sauce
to cook-off and thicken. Serve over spiral pasta.

Serves 4 - 6



Membership Insider

by: Gisela Gaspar

96 Members and still looking for more!

2011 Dues are Now Due!

How time flies! It's time to pay our 2011 dues! Dues are \$15 per person or \$25 per family. If you joined in September or later no dues are required at this time.

Your dues help fund the activities and meetings we all enjoy and part of it goes to charity.

Please pay at the January meeting or send to our mailbox if you cannot make the meeting. The address is noted here.



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A special "Thank You" from the great folks at the Ronald McDonald House. This year, our club once again participated in their holiday cheer, by setting up a display in their common area family room. During the setup, some of the children stopped by and peered into the window with excitement and anticipation.



Village Landlords
 Ann Chris Barrett
 1121 SE 9th Avenue
 Pompano Beach, FL 33060

Dear Chris:

On behalf of the families and staff of Ronald McDonald House of Fort Lauderdale, I would like to thank you and Village Landlords for putting together the wonderful North Pole Village Display for the families in the family room. I cannot thank you enough for your tremendous dedication and support to our charity. The tradition you and your group established at the House is cherished by our staff. Your group does a marvelous job in the display every year. By participating in our charity every year, you have made a positive impact in the lives of our families.

Village Landlords did an amazing job putting together the North Pole Village display this year. The creativity and dedication is truly remarkable. Everyone who visits our House enjoys looking at the details of the display. Most importantly, the village gives families a ray of hope and much happiness.

The following is our Tax ID number for the Ronald McDonald House of Fort Lauderdale to claim your donations as tax exempt. The number is 59-1899866, under Ronald McDonald House Charities of South Florida.

All of us here are extremely grateful to have you as a friend to the Ronald McDonald House Charities of South Florida. You have prescribed smiles in all of our families that have stayed at our facility. It is people like you that make the Ronald McDonald House the "House That Love Built."

I wish you Happy Holidays and a great New Year!

Sincerely,

Sonya Rivera-Moya
 Sonja Rivera-Moya
 Executive Director

Partners in supporting and other children's charities



Village Landlords
 Ann Chris Barrett
 P.O. Box 670093
 Coral Springs, FL 33065

Dear Chris:

On behalf of the families, children, and the staff of Ronald McDonald House Charities of South Florida, I would like to thank Village Landlords for donating generously \$500.00 as a *Grand Sponsor*. We appreciate your outstanding support and participation for our annual fundraising event.

Our *Annual Home for the Holidays Lighting Ceremony* was a great success! Guests enjoyed the delicious food served by different restaurants, as well as the lively cocktails. Our popular photo booth and beautiful ice sculptures made the event memorable. Most importantly, the House was beautifully decorated with holiday lights representing previous and current families that use our services.

We were delighted to celebrate this special event with more than 350 people that support our "Share a Night" program. We raised more than \$65,000 to help our families. As a result of your sponsorship, our "Home for the Holidays" gets better each year. I look forward to our continued partnership.

The Ronald McDonald House of South Florida is fortunate to have Village Landlords participate this year. We value your wonderful dedication to our charity and your kind contribution. As a result of your donation as tax exempt. The number is 59-1899866, under Ronald McDonald House Charities of South Florida.

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I wish you Happy Holidays and a Prosperous New Year!

Sincerely,

Sonya Rivera-Moya
 Sonja Rivera-Moya
 Executive Director

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6th Annual Village Landlord Picnic Scheduled for Sunday, March 27th!



by: **Bonnie Eichholtz**

On March 27th (lunch is served at 12:30 pm) we will be having our Sixth Annual Village Landlords Club Picnic and meeting. Those who attended last year can attest to how much fun it was, and how delicious the food was.

Below is a form for you to complete and turn it at the January or February meeting indicating you will be attending and



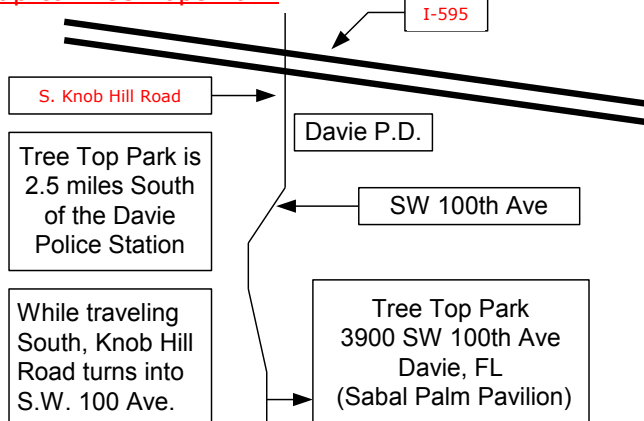
the number of guests you will be bringing. The cost is \$10 per person. As we did last year, we ask that you bring a covered dish. If you will not be at the meeting, please mail the form to **Peggy Mead**. She must have it no later than March 15th.

Please choose a covered dish to bring from the three categories of salad, side or dessert so **Bonnie Eichholtz** can coordinate

what everyone is contributing.



Map to Tree Tops Park



SIXTH ANNUAL VILLAGE LANDLORDS PICNIC

Sunday, March 27, 2011 – Tree Tops Park

Pot Luck – Club to Supply Chicken Wings and Spiral Ham

Cost \$10.00 Per Person
Make Check Payable to Village Landlords
and Mail by March 15th to:

Peggy Mead
4051 NW 4th Street
Coconut Creek, FL 33066

Number Attending: _____ @ \$10/Each = \$_____ (Total Enclosed)

Covered Dish you will bring: _____

Names of Members Attending:	Names of Guests Attending:



Jerry's News and Notes

by: Jerry Fernon

NBC 6 Telecast

Our recent appearance on the Channel 6 News was an experience to be remembered.



For those of you that may have missed it, I will bring my laptop to the meeting

and you will be able to watch it.

We can't thank Barbie Long enough for bringing this about.

We had great exposure for the Village Landlords and the charitable work we do.

Ronald McDonald House Gala

Once again a group of intrepid Village Landlords attended Ronald McDonald's yearly Gala. Right off the bat I knew we were in trouble. The Hard Rock Casino offered a table-at least 25 feet long, of deserts culminating at the end with a chocolate fountain with strawberries, bananas

and bite size cakes. OMG! enough said. There were raffles for prizes galore. Chris Barrett and Marlene Bretl were among the winners- Congrats.



A commotion was going on over on the stage and I heard someone call out "The Village Landlords" So I ran up and was handed this plaque, got my picture taken and shook Ronald's hand. What a night!

While visiting our display inside a number of people came up to us and thanked us for the "wonderful display". We were all pleased with that.



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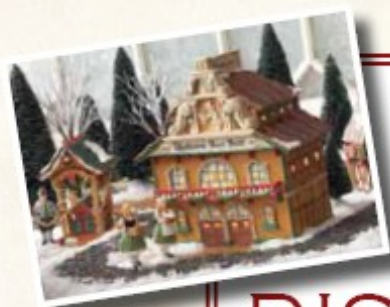
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Call for Entries! VILLAGE DISPLAY CONTEST

Sponsored by Village D-Lights and Juried by the National Council of 56 Clubs (NCC)
See Your Display Featured in a New Book! Win \$\$ for your favorite Charity!

● Who Can Enter?

YOU can! All individuals are invited to participate. You do not have to be a member of a Club to enter a display. However, all entries must be submitted to an NCC club active in 2011 and juried by the clubs. Each NCC Club has been asked to run its own contest, to monitor the digital entries following the parameters of the contest, and submit one entry to the VDL Display Contest.

● Display Entries

Base Size: No less than 2 x 2 feet and no more than 3 x 4 feet.

Lighted Buildings: Made only by Department 56.

Accessories: Any source.

Must be an actual display, which has been constructed and photographed.

Must be the work of one person, not a team.

Entry forms: At NCC56.com; VillageD-Lights.com; 800.352.8039 ext. 15

Individual entries submitted to a Club will have:

- A) 6-12 high resolution (300 dpi) digital files/photos, showing the progression for building the display, accompanied by descriptions for each photo (no more than 100 words each),
- B) 2-3 image file(s) of the completed display at its best, and
- C) Entry Form with the Club name and a 100-word Bio and Photo of the display builder.

- **Not a club member?** If you want to participate but do not belong to a club, go to www.NCC56.com for a list, or Linda Kruger (lkruger@pioneer magazines.com, 800.352.8039 ext. 15) will help you locate a club to which you can submit an entry. Clubs are asked to accept entries from non-club members as an introduction to prospective members.

- **Entry deadline for the clubs:** February 28. Submit to Editor Linda Kruger, lkruger@pioneer magazines.com; PO Box 306, Grundy Center, IA 50638.

VOTING: Out of more than 100 possible NCC club entries, the top 10 winners will be chosen by a panel of judges. These top 10 then will be pictured in a public voting ballot in the *Village D-Lights* April/May 2011 issue. Readers will vote for the top two by fax, email, or US mail. All voting will close May 15.

- **Why participate?** Because Every Participating Club will be a Winner!! ALL club entries will be pictured in a new coffee-table-style book to be published by Pioneer Communications: "Stunning Displays of 2011: A How-to Guide of Our Favorite Village Displays," targeted for release at the 2011 Arizona Gathering. Each club display will be pictured in the full color book, with a full page image of the display and an adjacent page with step-by-step "How-to" photos, submitted with the entry.

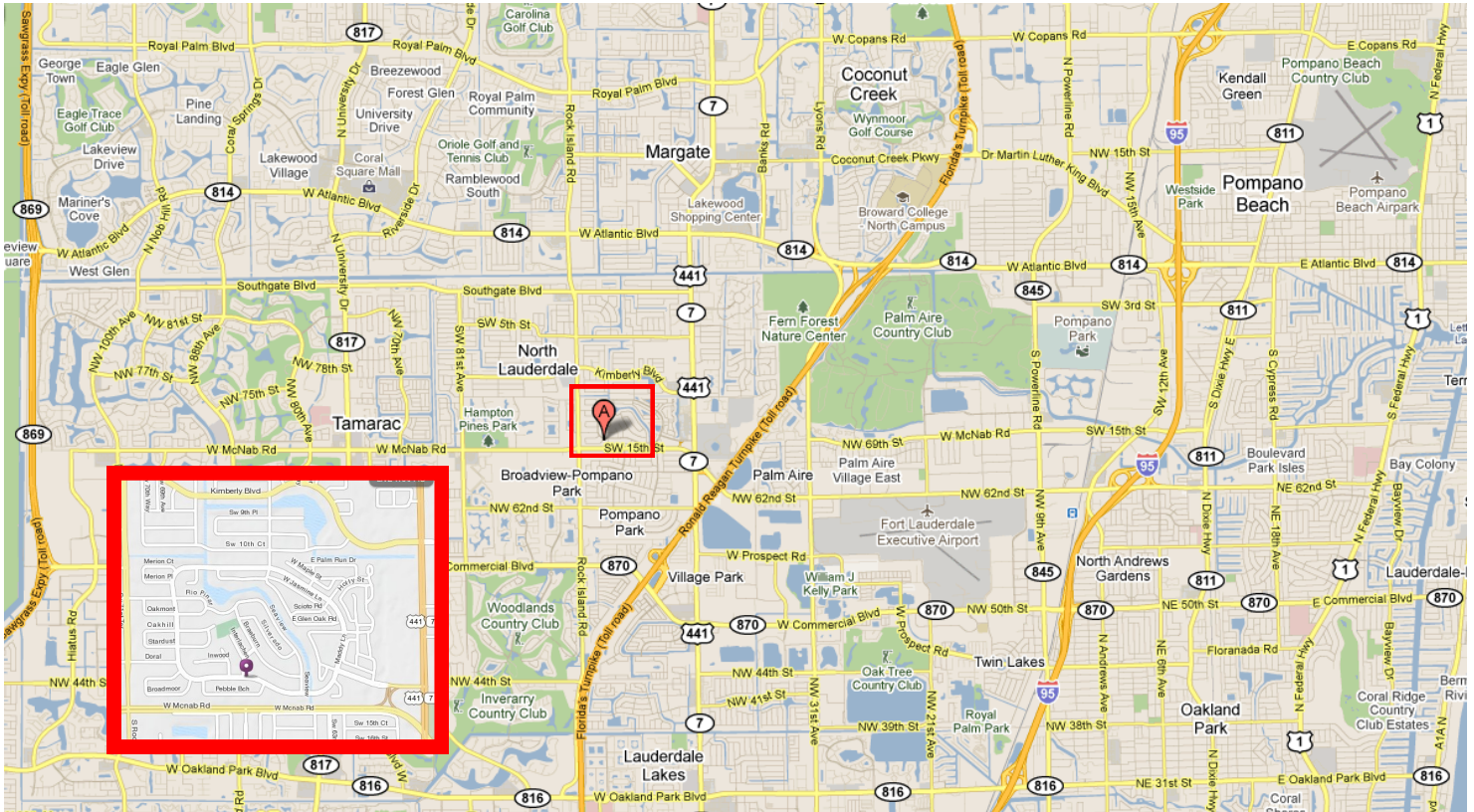
- **The 1st place winner** will be recognized at the Arizona Gathering in September, will be featured on the cover of the *Village D-Lights* Oct/Nov issue and will receive a monetary gift (TBD) for the builder's favorite charity.



Entry Deadline is February 28 • Start Now!
Have Fun and Good Luck to All!

Map to the NEW site for the Village Landlords Meeting Location

**New Meeting Location: Champion's Hall
6601 Blvd of Champions, North Lauderdale, FL 33068**



VILLAGE LANDLORDS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION DATE _____

Membership year is from January 1st—December 31. All information is confidential and used for club purposes only. Please fill out application and return along with the membership fee of \$15.00 per person or \$25.00 per family. Make checks payable to **The Village Landlords, P. O. Box 670093 Coral Springs, FL 33067**

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

HOME PHONE #: _____

E-MAIL: _____

What year did you start collecting? _____

Would you be interested in hosting a Christmas House Tour in December or January?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Possibly ☐ Need more information

What activities would you be interested in seeing at the meetings?

☐ Display Techniques ☐ Guest Speakers ☐ Social Events ☐ Workshops

☐ Other _____

Comments _____

What do you collect?

- ☐ Dickens' Village
- ☐ Christmas in the City
- ☐ New England Village
- ☐ Snow Village
- ☐ North Pole
- ☐ Alpine Village
- ☐ Snowbabies
- ☐ Snowbunnies
- ☐ Winter Silhouette
- ☐ Little Town of Bethlehem
- ☐ Seasons Bay

Other _____