



The Village Press

The Village Landlords Newsletter



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

April 2012

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News From the President

by: Bob Obenland



If you received a hard copy of the newsletter with an unhappy face on it, your dues are still due. Don't let this be your last newsletter. If you weren't able to pay your dues at the picnic you can pay at the April meeting. If you can't make the meeting you can send your dues to our PO box:

**Village Landlords
PO box 670093
Coral Springs, FL 33067**
Dues are \$15 per person or \$25 per family.

The picnic was a great success with over 55 in attendance. The food was good and plentiful and the

games were inventive once again. A special thanks to **Bonnie and Marlene** for their extraordinary efforts to make the picnic such a wonderful success.

Besides the informative display tips from our speaker, **David, from the Christmas Palace**, Jerry has some "Homework" for you to do over the summer. He will be giving out some supplies and the instructions at the April meeting. This will be a fun project to keep you off the streets this summer.

Gisela presented an idea to the Board to do a Village Landlord's calendar for 2013. The Board voted

to bring it to the members at the picnic to see if there was interest. At the picnic the majority there thought it was a thing we should consider. Gisela will give more information at the meeting and form a committee to plan over the summer. Pictures for the calendar would be from last year's open houses. If you want to be on the planning committee for the calendar see Gisela at the meeting.

April's meeting will be the last meeting until September. Have a good summer and visit our dealers and stock up on the new pieces for your 2012 displays. See you on Sunday!

Name the NCC Newsletter Contest



- We have rounded up all our best contributions for the *Name the NCC Newsletter* contest. Please help us narrow it down by circling your top 3 favorites
- NCC VILLAGER
 - NCC EXPRESS
 - NCC MEET
 - NCC VILLAGE PRESS
 - NCC VILLAGE TIMES
 - NCC TRANSMISSION
 - NCC BRIEF
 - NCC CHRONICLE
 - THE NEIGHBORHOOD GAZETTE
 - HEAR YE! HEAR YE!
 - NCC TELEGRAPH
 - NCC NEWSINESS
 - NCC VILLAGE INFORMAN

- NCC BROADCAST
- NCC VILLAGE VOICE
- NCC LAMPLIGHTER

Please turn in your selection to Gisela at the next meeting.



Our Next Meeting

by: Jerry Fernon

David of the "Christmas Palace"

will be our April meeting speaker. David has told me that he plans to demonstrate how to make mountains and waterfalls. We all would like to learn these valuable techniques and incorporate them into our villages. He also said that we can raffle the results of his demonstration. I, for one, do not want to miss out on that opportunity.

Last November I told everyone that the September meeting would be a "make and take" like the fall piece that **Joan and Charlie Heinsinger** brought to the meeting. Well that has proved to be a greater task than originally thought. Each piece requires approximately 10 stalks. When you multiply that times 40 or 50 people you arrive at approximately 400 to 500 stalks. We would have to gather, store and then rent a truck to carry all of that to the meeting. Not!

My next idea and the one we can do is: we will hand out 1 garland and a box of lights to every couple. Individuals will of course will get the same. I bought them last fall when the sales were good. If we have extra you may ask for 1 more set. First come first serve.



You are then to take them home and over the summer make a display using these items and your imagination. You are to bring your display to the September meeting and a contest will be held for the best display. You may add any fall related items you like. You could even make as little as a wreath or as great as your pocketbook will bear. Lets see the same enthusiasm you all had for the Halloween contest.

I will also demonstrate how to make a really nice waterfall that you all can make. It is quite simple and easy to do.



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Membership Insider

by: Gisela Gaspar

OUR PICNIC WAS A HUGE SUCCESS! I personally wanted to take the opportunity to "THANK" everyone that attended

this year. We had 58 attendees and it sure looked like everyone had a great time. To see all of the photos from the picnic, please be sure to check out our Facebook page. Special "Thank You's" go out to **Marlene** for the fun games, **Jerry** for all of the wonderful photography and **Bonnie** for all of the coordination with all the members who each brought their ultra delicious dishes!

THE MAKING OF THE CALENDAR. During our last two board meetings, we've discussed producing a 2013 Village Landlords Open House Calendar. What better way to highlight our hobby year round! Jerry and I will be spearheading a committee to work on the calendar over the summer. We are currently looking for 2 other volunteers to join the committee and help organize. If you are interested, please let us know. We thought that it would be a great idea to add member's birthdays. At the bottom of this sheet, there will be a place where you can submit your birthday by month and day. No year needed!!! There will be more information on this project at the meeting

IN NCC NEWS, the NCC has extended their bulletin renaming contest until May. We have placed the submissions on the bottom of Page 1. Please select the three names you like the best. I will tally up the votes and submit them to Bob Obenland, who then in turn will officially submit our selections to the NCC! Thank you in advance for voting!

The NCC has spotlighted our club for an article in their next bulletin. As soon as the bulletin arrives, Bob will email them out to all of the members! We are extremely honored that the NCC picked our club, and can't thank all of our members enough for making our club a huge success!!!

AND ON FACEBOOK, we are constantly looking for ideas and suggestions for the Facebook page. If anyone has anything they would like to include, please let me know. For all of the members that don't have an open house, but put up a village, **WE ARE LOOKING FOR PHOTOS!** You can reach me by phone at 954-600-3519 or by email at GiselaGaspar@aol.com. I would love to hear your input!

Members still need to pay if you got the frowny face!!

It has been another wonderful season and as we go into our summer recess, I hope everyone enjoys the break. I will see you all at the September Meeting!!!

For those members that have not yet paid, Membership Dues are Due! Please mail them in ASAP or bring them to the next meeting.

INFORMATION WE ARE GATHERING FOR THE 2013 CALENDAR !!!

YOUR NAME: _____

YOUR BIRTHDAY MONTH: _____
DAY: _____

YOUR NAME: _____

YOUR BIRTHDAY MONTH: _____
DAY: _____



Upcoming Events

04/15 — Village Landlords Meeting at 2:15 pm (NOTE THE NEW DATE FOR THIS MEETING)

09/04 — Village Landlords Board Meeting at 7:30 pm

09/16 — Village Landlords Meeting at 2:15 pm

10/02 — Village Landlords Board Meeting at 7:30 pm

10/28 — Village Landlords Meeting at 2:15 pm

11/06 — Village Landlords Board Meeting at 7:30 pm

11/18 — Village Landlords Meeting at 2:15 pm





March Meeting Highlights

by: Joe McPhillips

The general meeting was called to order at 12:50pm by Bob Obenland, who ask the members if there was any interest in a Village Landlords Calendar.

A show of hands gave an indication that a majority of members were interested. Gisela will be tasked with gathering more information on the subject.

Bob asked for approval to spend up to \$180 for Plexiglas for the Ronald McDonald display and the Storybook display. A motion to approve the expense was made by Gene Armeno and seconded by Charlie Heinsinger and the Motion carried.

Marlene then explained the picnic games including the new *Rice Game* and Gene showed the game prizes and talked about the 50/50 drawing.

Peggy Mead reminded the 27 members who have not paid their dues to please do so. A Motion to adjourn the meeting and enjoy the picnic was made at 1:00pm by Jerry Fernon and seconded by Charlie Heinsinger. (Two of the hungry guys, I suspect!)

In fact, this is what Jerry had to say:

"Treetops park was alive with fun and games plus a whole lot of food. 55 members attended our annual picnic and a great time was had by all. Marlene provided games that proved challenging and fun. We played "Find the pin" in 20 lbs. of rice. House Races, Bean Bag toss, a game of sucking a straw holding a Craft paper cutout to transfer it across to another box, a marble rolling game and toss the tennis ball into an umbrella.

I'm sure the 10 to 30 year olds would think them tame but us older folks found them challenging. The food was excellent and more than plentiful. All of the games provided tickets for the winners to be placed in buckets tied to prizes and a winner was drawn from each bucket. The fun never stopped. Despite the weather forecast the day was perfect. We had a great turnout but those of you that did not attend missed out on another great picnic. (See more pictures on the next page!)



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- 1) The Holly and the Ivy
Diane LaMonica
- 2) A Busy Elf
Elizabeth Bron
- 3) D.V. Melancholy Tavern
Bob Obenland
- 4) C.I.C Let's Get Out Of The Wind
Mei-Hua Paige
- 5) S.V. Service With A Smile
Chase Bagnell
- 6) M&M Bakery House and Accessory
Elizabeth Bron
- 7) Large Candycane Fence
James Fresquez
- 8) D-56 Gumdrop Holiday Lights
Peggy Layton

- 9) The Fezziwig Delivery Wagon

Debbie King

- 10) Large Gumdrop Tree

James Fresquez

- 11) Snowflake Lamp Posts

Joe McPhillips

- 12) HV Christmas Bazaar..Woodlens and Preserves

Carlos Suarez

- 13) Tall Lamp Post

Rosanne Abrams

Special Raffle:

Set Of 5 Dickens Merchant Shoppes

Peggy Layton

50/50 Raffle \$90:

Katherine McPhillips



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The Treasury Report

by: Peggy Mead

	Actual 2012 Mar
Treasurer's Report	
Beginning Balance	\$3,346.10
Deposits	
Advertising	\$ -
Membership	\$ 65.00
Picnic	\$ 110.00
Special Raffle	\$ 60.00
Raffle - 50/50	\$ 90.00
total deposits	\$ 325.00
Expenses	
NCC dues/payments	\$ -
Other	\$ 496.08
total expenses	\$ 496.08
Ending Balance	\$3,175.02
raffle bank	\$ 50.00
	\$3,225.02
raffle bank	\$ 50.00
	\$3,396.10



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Hospitality Helpers

by: Bonnie Eichholtz

We have a special recipe for you in a bit, but first, I want to say Thank You and remind those who signed up to bring snacks to the April meeting:

Joan Heinsinger
Bonnie Eichholtz
Roseann Abrams
Dorothy Salomon
Betty Hargrave
Shelly Beauvais
Peggy Layton
Debbie King

Also, Bonnie (I) will be bringing Ice and Drinks to the next meeting. We really need some more volunteers for this appreciated chore. Want to volunteer?



Betty Hargrave brought a treat to our February meeting that had many people asking, "What is that and how do we make it?" So, Betty was gracious enough to give us her recipe and it is as follows:

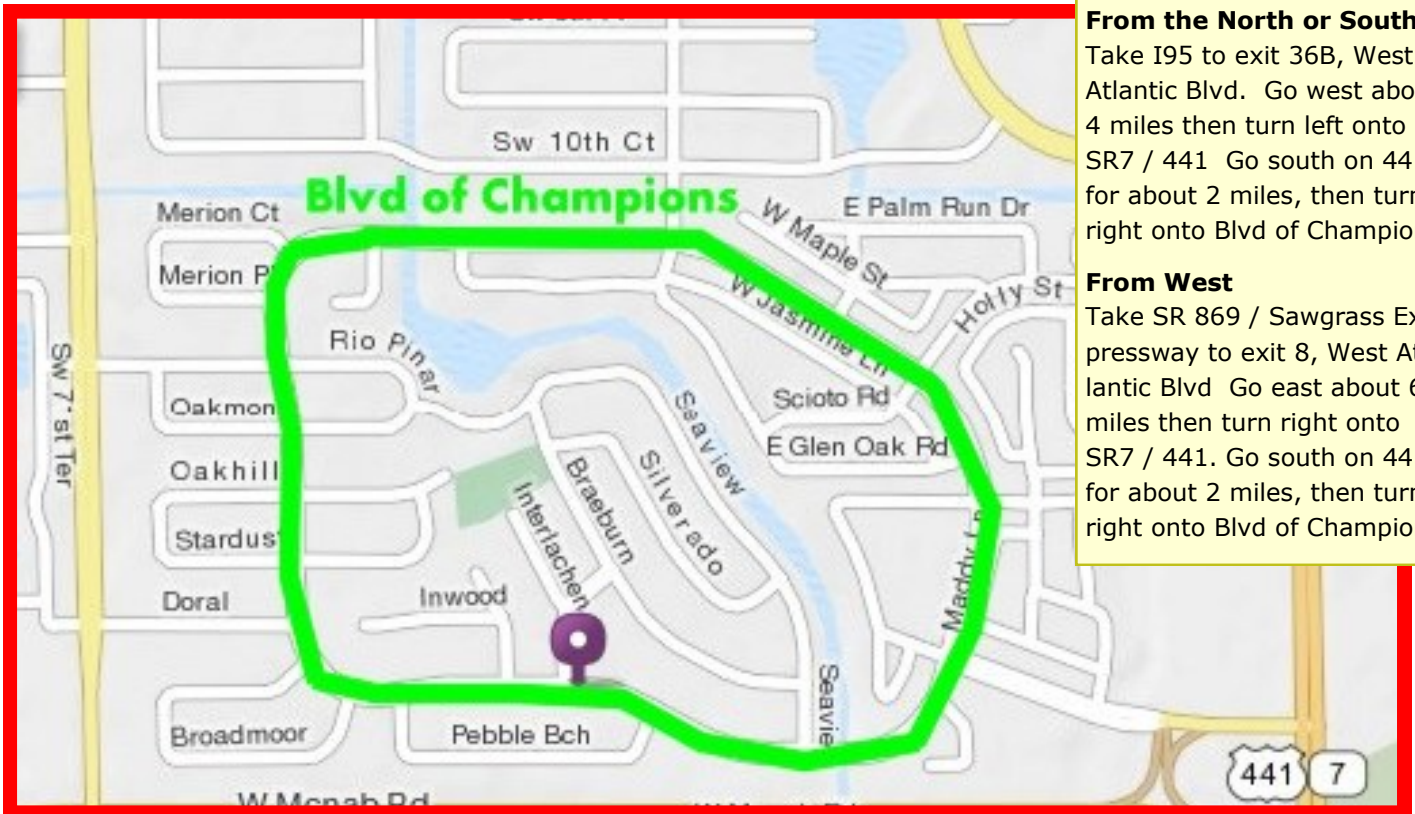
Seven Layer Cookies

- 1 stick of melted butter
- 1½ cups of graham crackers
- 1 package of chocolate chips
- 1 package of butterscotch chips
- 1½ cups of coconut
- 1 can sweetened Eagle Brand Milk
- Nuts (use your own discretion)

Mix all together, pour into a 9X15 inch pan and bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Enjoy!!!!

[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



From the North or South

Take I95 to exit 36B, West Atlantic Blvd. Go west about 4 miles then turn left onto SR7 / 441. Go south on 441 for about 2 miles, then turn right onto Blvd of Champions

From West

Take SR 869 / Sawgrass Expressway to exit 8, West Atlantic Blvd. Go east about 6 miles then turn right onto SR7 / 441. Go south on 441 for about 2 miles, then turn right onto Blvd of Champions

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 _____