

# The Village Press

Our Next Meeting is January 27th, 2:15pm at  
Champion's Hall, 6601 Blvd of Champions, North Lauderdale, FL 33068



**JANUARY 2013**



Bob Obenland

*Another Wonderful Year!*

It's hard to believe another year has past and it's time to start taking down our villages. It's also time to get updated on what D56 is doing so come to the January meeting and get the latest info from Felix our D56 rep.

Don't forget it is time for the 2013 dues. See Peggy at the January meeting. Dues are \$15 for a single and \$25 for the family. If you can't make the meeting you can send your dues to our mail box:

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

The Christmas house tours were again great. A big thanks to Robert & Sharon Cone, Tom & Susan Shetler, Phil & Rae Campello, Betty Hargrave, Joe & Katherine Mc Phillips, Don & Fran Biedinger Jerry & Nancy Fernon, Daniel & Peggy Layton, Bill & Debbie King, and Scott & Stephanie Taggart for opening their homes to us. Also, a thanks to all the members that were able to attend the open houses. If you were unable to attend you need to make plans to attend some next year. Pictures of the open houses are on our Facebook page.

There are still some 2013 Village Landlord calendars available. If you did not get a chance to get your calendar they will be available at the January meeting. They came out wonderful and show pictures from all the 2011 open houses. They are only \$10. See Peggy and Nancy at the meeting.

We will be electing are 2nd V/President, Programs and Membership at the January meeting. Bonnie Eichholtz and the nominating committee will present the slate. If you are interested in any of these positions see Bonnie at the meeting.

At the November meeting our Toys For Tots toy drive collected some 175 toys.  
See you at the meeting.....Bob

**Happy  
New Year!**

## 2013 Village Landlords Board

|  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| <u>President</u><br>Bob Obenland<br>561-742-0450                     | <u>Vice President</u><br>Chris Barrett<br>954-943-9682 | <u>2nd Vice President</u><br>Gene Armeno<br>954-969-0041 |
| <u>Treasurer,</u><br><u>Membership</u><br>Peggy Mead<br>954-974-8271 | <u>Secretary</u><br>Joe McPhillips<br>561-218-9557     | <u>Programs</u><br>Jerry Fernon<br>954-753-5953          |
| <u>Membership, Publicity</u><br>Open                                 | <u>Hospitality</u><br>Bonnie Eichholtz<br>954-972-5045 | <u>Parliamentarian</u><br>Norman Barrett<br>954-943-9682 |
| <u>Webmaster</u><br>Jonathan Stout<br>786-258-3806                   | <u>Facebook</u><br>Gisela Gaspar<br>954-600-3519       | <u>Newsletter</u><br>Roseann Abrams<br>954-254-4365      |



Jerry Fernon

Christmas etc.



Bill Laughlin

561 - 805 - 7000

Fax: 561. 832 . 8861

www.XMASETC.com

## Open House Spectaculars!

Hi everyone. I am looking forward to seeing you all after our Christmas break. Break? We went to at to least one and sometimes 2 meetings every week since our November meeting. We did not have as big a turnout as the meeting in November.(shame on you all that did not attend) but we certainly had a grand time seeing the open houses provided by our members. Let me say that those open houses were spectacular. Each one was better in some way than the last one. I was extremely impressed with the imagination and skill each participant used. **GREAT JOBS BY ALL!**

I want to thank *Bob Alt* for taking such great pictures. As I write this we have one more to see—the *Kings*. I hope to see more members at this one you should not miss it.

Our January meeting will feature Felix Cruz from Dept 56.

The new mid-year pieces have come out and we can hear some of Felix's insights and gossip from D56.

Hope to see you all there!

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

## Editors Corner With Rosie!.....

Hi all! First I want to say I hope I will live up to all your expectations as your new editor! I am really excited about taking on this project! I thought I would give myself a little corner, brings back memories of all those days sitting in the corner when I didn't do what mom and dad said. Who would have ever thought I would be back in the corner at this age!

**But its all good!!!**

I would love feedback and of course any ideas you may have that I can incorporate into the newsletter. Please email me at [gjersey64@aol.com](mailto:gjersey64@aol.com) with your thoughts and suggestions!

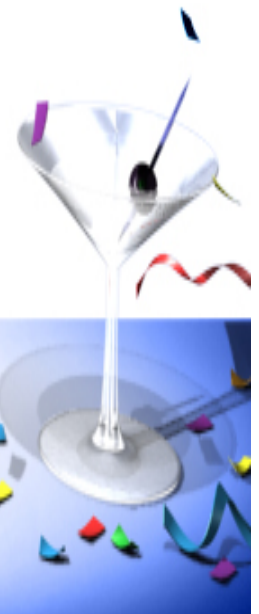
Elizabeth Bron is up for election as our new Membership Coordinator! There is no better person to handle this position **trust me!** Not only will she rake in new members, but D56 profits are going to go through the roof, she missed her calling in Sales. I suggest we all buy up some stock!

Thanks to Jonathan for doing the newsletter for all these years, I know I have some hard shoes to fill! Jonathan will be updating and designing our website! We all know how creative that's going to be! Kudos Jonathan! **GREAT JOB!**



Roseann Abrams

Happy  
New Year!



## *November Meeting Minutes with Joe!*

Village Landlords General Meeting November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012



Board Members Present: Bob Obenland, Chris Barrett, Norm Barrett, Jerry Fernon, Peggy Mead, Roseann Abrams, Jonathon Stout and Joe McPhillips.

Prior to the meeting, Nancy Fernon was selling our Village Landlords calendars, Mei-Hua Paige filled in for Gisela checking members in and giving out door prize tickets. Mike and Roseann collected the donations for the Toys for Tots Drive and Debbie King organized the Grinch Exchange. A very very big Thank You to all of them.

Bob Obenland called the meeting to order at 2:30pm. Bob welcomed everyone to the Nov meeting and talked about the prizes for the Toys for Tots drive. Some of the prizes are brand new and donated by our sponsors; others are from the club inventory. Bob also welcomed a new member, Tania, who collects many different themes.

Secretary's Report: A motion to waive the minutes of the last meeting was made by Mark Reynolds and seconded by Charlie Heinsinger. Motion was carried.

Treasurer's Report: The report was read by Peggy Mead with no questions from the membership. A motion to accept the report was made by Charlie Heinsinger and seconded by Roseann Abrams. The motion was carried.

Hospitality: Bonnie passed around the list for the Jan meeting. Bob announced a new plan to encourage more and different members to sign up. Anyone who signs up and brings food or drinks will get one extra door raffle ticket.

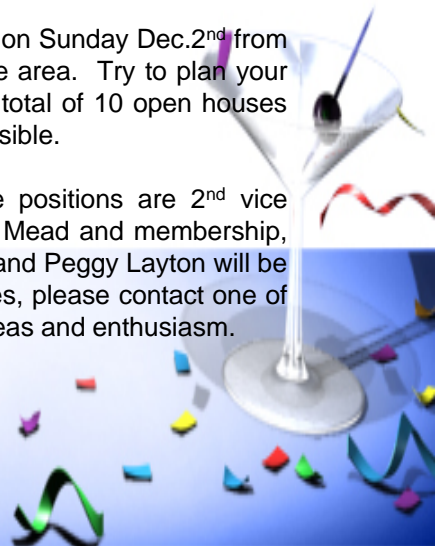
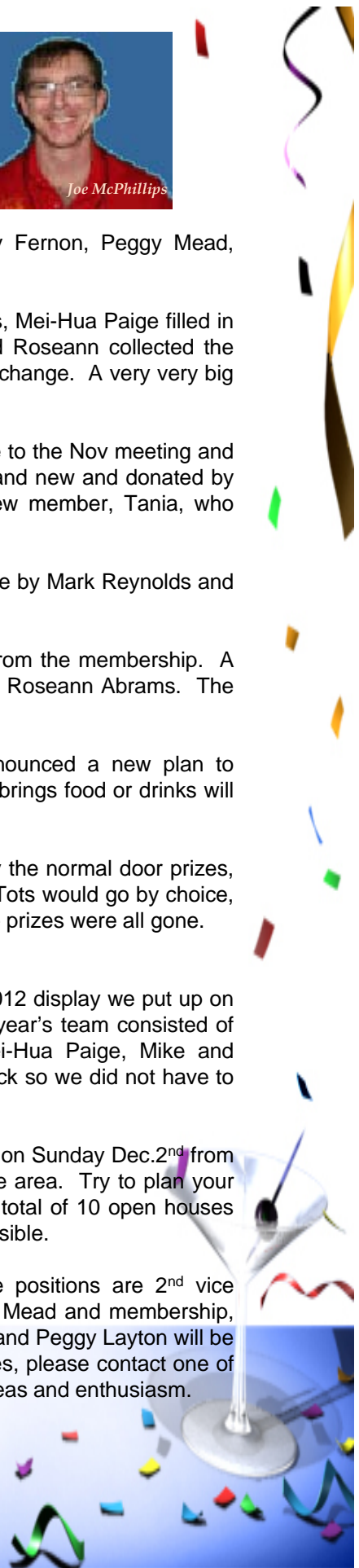
Prizes/Raffles: Gene announced that there would be no raffles this week, only the normal door prizes, due to the Grinch Exchange. Gene also explained that the prizes for Toys for Tots would go by choice, that is the first winning ticket will get their choice of the prizes and so on until the prizes were all gone.

### New Business

Ronald McDonald House: Chris Barrett and Joe McPhillips talked about the 2012 display we put up on Nov.10<sup>th</sup> and thanked everyone who volunteered their time and talents. This year's team consisted of Joe McPhillips, Chris and Norm Barrett, Gene Armeno, Jerry Fernon, Mei-Hua Paige, Mike and Roseann Abrams, Elizabeth Bron and Dan Layton, who supplied his pickup truck so we did not have to spend money on a rental truck.

Open Houses: Our new sponsor Christmas Etc. will be hosting an open house on Sunday Dec.2<sup>nd</sup> from 11 to 6. This is the same day as the Shetler open house which is in the same area. Try to plan your visits to go from one open house to the next that day. Right now we have a total of 10 open houses planned. This is the highlight of the year so please try to attend as many as possible.

Elections: There are three board positions up for election this year. The positions are 2<sup>nd</sup> vice president, currently held by Gene Armeno, treasurer, currently held by Peggy Mead and membership, currently held by Gisela Gaspar. Bonnie Eichholtz along with Donna Fresquez and Peggy Layton will be the nominating committee. Anyone interested in running for one of these offices, please contact one of them. We are always interested in new volunteers to come forward with new ideas and enthusiasm.



## *November Meeting Minutes Con'td with Joe!*

Charity: At the last board meeting, the board voted to make a \$500 donation to the Ronald McDonald house and a \$500 donation to a new charity called Tomorrows Rainbow. Brett Fernon who has been working with this charity thru his boy scout troop spoke about the work they do and the help they provide to children who have lost a parent or close loved one. They use animal therapy, horses, cats, dogs etc, to comfort the children and help them to cope. Roseann Abrams made a motion to confirm the donations which was seconded by Donna Fresquez. The motion was carried.

January Meeting: will be on Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>. Felix from Dept 56 will attend to speak about what is coming up with new houses and themes.

After the break, the annual Grinch Exchange commenced with many wonderful gifts brought in. The most popular item this year was the Santa Chef with several variations showing up and lots of Grinch steals going on for them.

### Door Prizes

- 1- Lemax Tree
- 2- Peppermint Bench
- 3- Making Luminaries
- 4- Birds Out Back
- 5- Set of Trees
- 6- Potted Evergreens
- 7- Welcome to Lunds Art Show
- 8- Have A Cigar
- 9- Flexible Sisal Hedges
- 10- Boat Dock

Nancy Fernon  
Peggy Layton  
Kathy Tavernia  
Gisela Suarez  
Genevieve Alt  
Kathy Tavernia  
Joe McPhillips  
Tania Rogue  
Roseann Abrams  
Tania Rogue

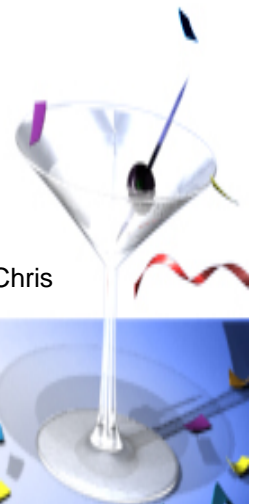
### Toys For Tots Prizes

- 1- \$50 Gift Certificate  
From Christmas Palace
- 2- Mickeys Water Tower and Street  
Sights from Christmas ETC
- 3- Pinecrest Elementary School  
From The Cupboard
- 4- Santa's Sweet Shop  
From Terri's Hallmark
- 5- NP Real Artificial Tree Factory  
From the club
- 6- NCC Traders Pin Shop  
From the club

Susan Roberts  
Peggy Mead  
Gisela Suarez  
Elizabeth Bron  
Betty Hargrave  
Gisela Suarez

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 4:45pm by Bob Obenland and seconded by Chris Barrett. Motion was carried

Happy  
New Year!



## Financially Speaking With Peggy...

|                    | Actual     |
|--------------------|------------|
|                    | 2012       |
| Treasurer's Report | Nov/Dec    |
| Beginning Balance  | \$2,323.80 |
| Deposits           |            |
| Advertising        | \$ 60.00   |
| Membership         | \$ 25.00   |
| Picnic             | \$ -       |
| NCC Sales          | \$ -       |
| Calendars          | \$ 100.00  |
| Special Raffle     | \$ -       |
| Special Auction    | \$ -       |
| Pin Sales/Ed       | \$ -       |
| Donations          | \$ -       |
| Raffle             | \$ -       |
| total deposits     | \$ 185.00  |
| Expenses           |            |
| Bell South         | \$ -       |
| Copies             | \$ -       |
| Donations          | \$1,000.00 |
| meeting            | \$ -       |
| NCC dues/payments  | \$ -       |
| Other              | \$ -       |
| Picnic             | \$ -       |
|                    | \$ -       |
| WEBSITE            | \$ -       |
| PO Box             | \$ -       |
| raffle prizes      | \$ -       |
| Refreshments       | \$ 33.03   |
| Pins               | \$ -       |
| Shirt Sales        | \$ -       |
| Shirts             | \$ -       |
| Stamps             | \$ 18.00   |
| TOTAL EXPENSES     | \$1,051.03 |
| Ending Balance     | \$1,457.77 |
| Raffle bank        | \$ 50.00   |
|                    | \$1,507.77 |



**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!** I hope you all enjoyed the holidays.

The new year means it's time to pay your 2013 dues. Membership dues for an individual is \$15 and for a family is \$25. You can mail your check to our Post Office box or bring it to the January meeting. We're looking forward to another great year.

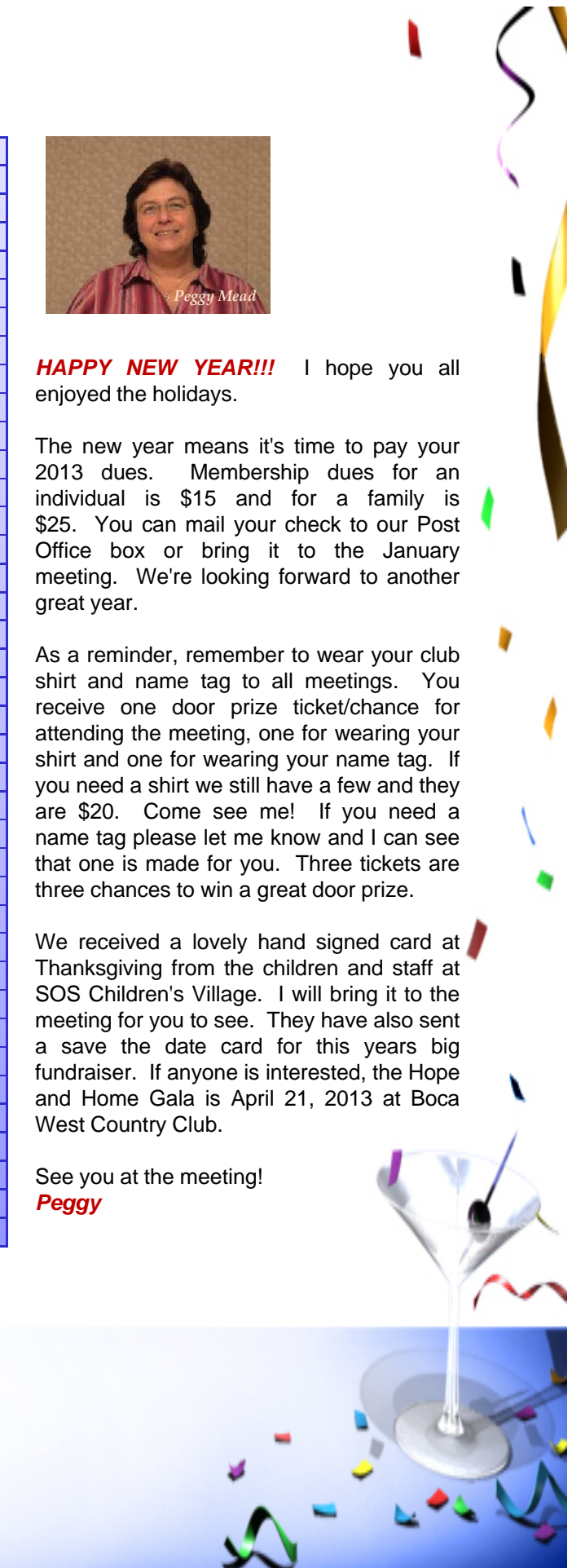
As a reminder, remember to wear your club shirt and name tag to all meetings. You receive one door prize ticket/chance for attending the meeting, one for wearing your shirt and one for wearing your name tag. If you need a shirt we still have a few and they are \$20. Come see me! If you need a name tag please let me know and I can see that one is made for you. Three tickets are three chances to win a great door prize.

We received a lovely hand signed card at Thanksgiving from the children and staff at SOS Children's Village. I will bring it to the meeting for you to see. They have also sent a save the date card for this years big fundraiser. If anyone is interested, the Hope and Home Gala is April 21, 2013 at Boca West Country Club.

See you at the meeting!  
**Peggy**



**CROSS STITCH CUPBOARD**  
1600 NORTHEAST 26TH STREET  
FT. LAUDERDALE, FL 33305  
954-563-6363  
1-800-752-4153



## Mark Your Calendar

### JANUARY

January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Village Landlords Meeting @ 2:15

### FEBRUARY

February 4, 2013 pm Board Meeting @ 7:30

February 24, 2013-Village Landlord Meeting @ 2:15

### MARCH

March 4, 2013-Board Meeting @ 7:30

March 24, 2013 – Picnic (details will follow soon)



## *From the Goodies Dept. with Bonnie!!!*



Thank you to the following individuals who have volunteered to bring in snacks for our next meeting:

Peggy Layton  
Shelby Beaubais  
Michael & Orlando  
Elizabeth Bron  
Joan Heinsinger

Gail Reynolds  
Stephanie Teggart  
Donna Fresquez  
Rae Campello  
Betty Hargrave



## *Recipe of the Month (thanks to Nancy for submitting)!*

### Moist Carmel Apple Cake

Prep: 15 min Total Time: 2 hr 15 min Servings 16

#### Ingredients:

1 pkg. (2-layer size yellow cake mix)  
1 pkg. (3.4 oz.) JELL-O Vanilla or French Vanilla Flavor Instant Pudding  
1 Cup Water  
4 Eggs  
1/3 Cup Oil  
3 Granny Smith Apples (1lb.), peeled, coarsely chopped  
20 Kraft Caramels  
3 Tbsp. Milk

#### Heat oven to 350F.

Beat first five ingredients in large bowl with mixer until well blended. Stir in Apples. Pour into greased and floured 12-fluted tube pan or 10-inch tube pan.

Bake 50 minutes to one hour or until toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean. Cool cake in pan 15 mins. Loosen cake from side of pan; invert onto wire rack. Gently remove pan. Cool cake completely. Transfer to plate.

**Microwave** caramels and milk in microwaveable bowl on high 1-1/2 min. or until caramels are completely melted and sauce is smooth, stirring every 30 sec. Cool 10 min. or until slightly thickened. Drizzle over cake.



# Happy New Year!



- Wear your Village Landlords Shirt
- Wear your Village Landlords Nametags
- Volunteer to bring in goodies

***All to receive extra door prize tickets!***

**Our Next Meeting is January 27, 2013, 2:15pm at  
Champion's Hall, 6601 Blvd of Champions  
North Lauderdale, FL 33068**

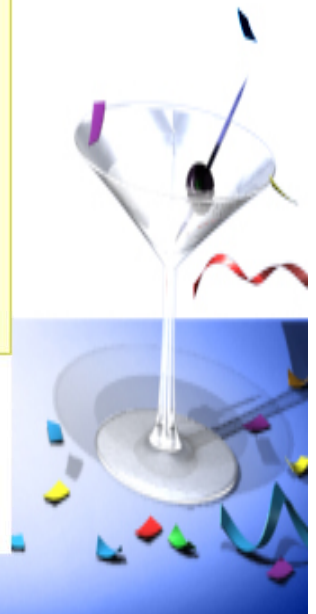
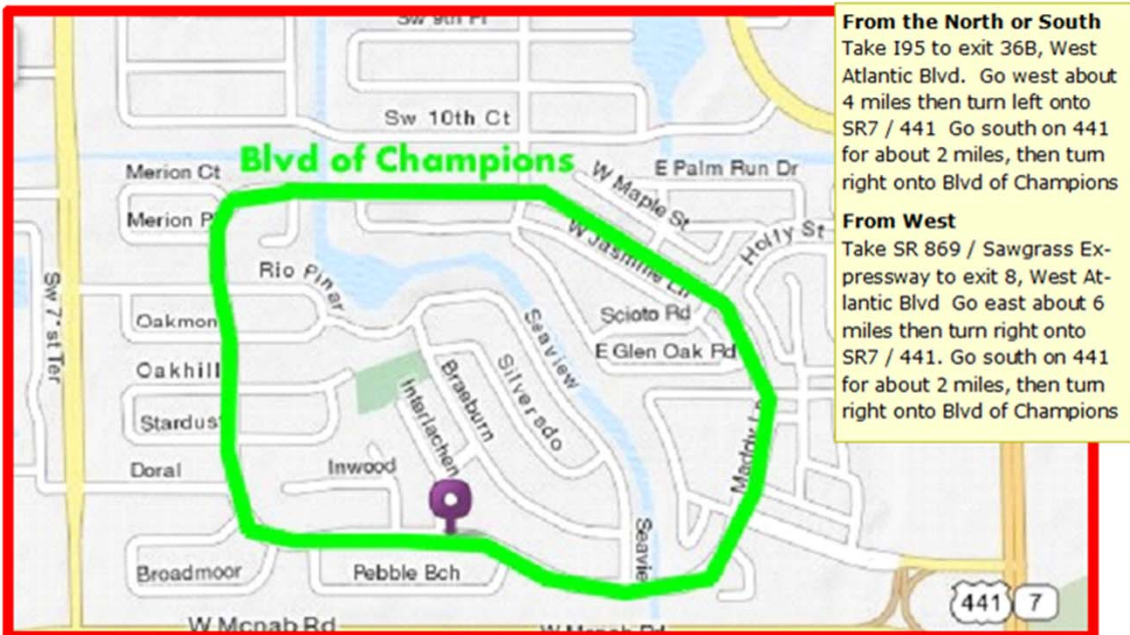


**The Silver Sleigh**  
A Unique Holiday Shoppe  
Christmas • Flowers • Gifts

**The Silver Sleigh**  
1319 East Sample Road  
Pompano Beach, FL 33064  
(954) 943-4388

[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**





## Did you know?



Department 56 Villages was featured on an episode of NCIS on December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012!



Department 56 has introduced their new pieces for 2013, lots of good stuff!

**Visit [Department56.com](http://Department56.com)!**

### VILLAGE LANDLORDS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

**DATE:** \_\_\_/\_\_\_/2013

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:

\_\_\_\_\_