

The Village Press

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Catching up with Bob.....

October will be our 22th birthday so come and have some Birthday cake at the October's meeting. Gene is going to call BINGO and has lots of prizes for you to win.

Department 56 latest classic New York skyscraper, the Chrysler Building, is starting to hit our dealers. Go to them and check it out.

At the September meeting we took a count of those going to this year's Gathering in Connecticut 24-27. Looks like the Village Landlords will have 13 members at the Gathering. We'll see if there is something we can get and bring back for the November meeting.

Start looking for toys for the November meeting and our Toys for Tots drive. Also be looking for that \$20 for the Grinch Exchange.

Check out Jonathan's work on the new website. villagelandlords.com Jonathan has everything updated including the picture from the open houses. Let Jonathan know what a good job he did at the meeting.

It's time to be thinking about the open houses for this year's House Tours. So far we have two so there are lots of open dates. Let Gene know that you want to have an open house and what date you would like.

This year we will be electing new President, Vic President, Secretary and Treasurer. Bonnie Eichholtz has formed a nominating committee with Nancy Fernon and Victoria DeBonis. Be thinking what you would like to do.

Bob



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Editors Corner With Rosie!.....

I can't believe its October already! This meeting we will be a few members short as some of our members are heading up to Connecticut for the Gathering.

No worries, Gene is putting together some fun things for us to do! Thanks in advance Gene, looking forward to BINGO!

I want to thank the Kings for opening their home on October 12, 2013. It will be their last Halloween Open House, very sad because they truly are talented and such great hosts. If you are interested in anything they are selling and were unable to attend the open house, please call them. You can find their number in our roster.

NOW FOR SOME EXCITING NEWS:

Mike and I have adopted a child. We are naming her Hilga Marie. She was meant to be. Debbie and Bill King had us over to view their display prior to the open house because they know just how much we love Halloween and we would purchase some items.

While we were talking Debbie screamed Oh my I forgot Hilga, as Hilga existed the room with her mom Debbie, it was love at first sight. I had to have her. The only thing I HAD TO DO was give her a middle name now that she is Italian. Hilga Marie came home with Mike and I on our motorcycle that same day, she had her first bike ride. She loved it!

So please welcome our newest addition Hilga Marie. She is just breathtaking and Debbie and Bill will never have to worry she has a great home.

See you all on October 27! Enjoy the newsletter.



Hilga Marie





Joe McPhillips

Joe's Meeting Minutes.....

Joe McPhillips

Board Members Present: Bob Obenland, Chris Barrett, Gene Armeno, Peggy Mead, Joe McPhillips, Jerry Fernon, Norm Barrett, Roseann Abrams, Bonnie Eichholtz, Jonathon Stout and Gisela Gaspar

Bob Obenland called the meeting to order at 2:25pm and welcomed everyone back for the 2013-2014 season. Bob reintroduced the board members.

Secretary's Report: Joe McPhillips read a summary of the minutes of the last general meeting in April which was also contained in the newsletter. There were no questions. A motion to accept the report was made by Mark Reynolds and seconded by Charlie Heinsinger. Motion was passed.

Treasurer's Report: The report was read by Peggy Mead itemizing income and expenses. Mark Reynolds asked about the monthly fee for the storage unit. Bob explained the fee was \$54 per month and that we got 1 month free if we paid a year in advance. Bob also explained the problems we were having with the unit due to faulty bookkeeping on the part of the storage company. We will be making our yearly payment next month and decided to stay at the same facility despite the problems encountered since we cannot find a less expensive unit. There being no further questions, a motion to accept the report was made by Sharon Cone and seconded by Charlie Heinsinger. Motion was passed.

Membership: We currently have 80 paid members. Several people have not paid their 2013 dues. If you know someone who has not paid or has stopped coming to meetings, please ask them to come back- we miss them.

Facebook/Meetups: Victoria was not at the meeting so we do not have an update on who has joined Meetups. An invitation to join was sent to all members with an email address. If you have not joined please do so, it is free and will help our club to attract new members.

Prizes/Raffles: Gene noted that we very few sponsors left and that sponsors were the ones providing most of the items we use for door prizes. Therefore we will most likely be cutting back on the number of door prizes at each meeting. We have a good supply of inventory for raffle prizes at this time.

Hospitality: Bonnie passed around the sign up list for snacks for the Oct meeting. If you signed up please remember to bring some goodies and you will get an extra door prize ticket. Bonnie needs some help with drinks and ice for the meetings and would like to have a different volunteer for each meeting to take the ice chest and bring the drinks and ice. You will be reimbursed for the cost, just show Peggy the receipt. Mark Reynolds and Peggy Layton volunteered to do hospitality for the Oct meeting as Bonnie will be away.



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Joe's Meeting Minutes Continued.....

Newsletter: Roseann is doing a super great job and received a big round of applause. She also reminded us to not forget about the Christmas Palace and that we get a 20% on all regular priced Dept 56 merchandise. They are one of the few sponsors we have left. If you have any problem getting your discount at the register, ask for Bill or David. Bob announced that Carlos has retired as display master at Christmas Palace and Miguel will take his place. Miguel is well known and extremely talented, he has done professional displays for Dept 56 at the Atlanta showrooms. He has already agreed to come to a meeting and do a demonstration.

Website: Jonathon reports that the site is fully operational and updated. He will be adding some new content and pages soon.

Elections: Four board positions are up for election. President, 1st Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. The officers in the first 3 positions have served 4 consecutive years and by the clubs bylaws cannot serve another term in the same position. We have many talented people in the club who could bring new ideas to the board, please consider running for an office! A nominating committee is being formed consisting of one board member and two general members. Bonnie has agreed to be the board member and Victoria DeBonis will be one of the general members. If you would like to be on the committee please see Bonnie or Victoria.

Open Houses: Bill and Debbie King will have a Halloween open house on Oct 12th. Robert and Sharon Cone will have a Christmas open house on Dec 14th in Lakeland. Details will be in the newsletter.

Ronald McDonald House: This year we have some extra work ahead of us due to the fact that we will have to take down the Storybook display before we can set up the North Pole. I would like to have two teams, one to take down Storybook and then put it back up around the end of Jan and the other team to put up North Pole and then take it down in Jan. Several people volunteered for both teams and I am very grateful to each and every one of them. I will be contacting them to coordinate the action.

Many members will be away for the Oct meeting at the fall gathering in Connecticut. Gene Armeno will run the Oct meeting and has promised a big bingo game with lots of prizes. The Nov meeting will be our annual Toys For Tots drive and Grinch Exchange. Toys must be new, unwrapped and at least \$10. Presents for the Grinch must be new, Christmas themed and at least \$20. Full details in newsletter.

October Swap and Sell: this was a big success both before the meeting and during the break.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bob Obenland and seconded by Joe McPhillips. Motion was passed. Meeting adjourned at 4:25pm.





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And the winners are:

DOOR PRIZES

- 1) Snowflake
- 2) Red Car with Tree
- 3) Candy Corn Lights
- 4) Hard Rock Lighted Ornament
- 5) Flower Acc Etc
- 6) Set of Trees
- 7) Village Accessories
- 8) Picket Lane Wishing Well
- 9) Jack O Lantern Lights
- 10) Halloween Accessory Set of 5
- 11) 2 Trees
- 12) 2 Trees
- 13) 1 Large Tree
- 14) Cinnamon Broom

Harriet Abo
Dan Layton
Betty Hargrave
Orlando Arroyo
Josephine Armeno
Jonathon Stout
Charlie Heinsinger
Chris Barrett
Dottie Winzell
Peggy Layton
Ken Moore
Robert Cone
Susan Roberts
Nancy Fernon

RAFFLE PRIZES

- 1) Halloween Twinklebrite Hedge
- 2) SV He Led Them Down The Streets of Town
- 3) Halloween Monsters Autographs with Dracula
- 4) DV Chelsea Market Hat Monger & Cart
- 5) Bears In The Birch
- 6) Frankenstein's Laboratory

Chase Bagnell
Rae Campello
Dottie Winzell
Rae Campello
Bob Obenland
Roseann Abrams

MYSTERY HOUSE

Melinda's Poinsettia & Mistletoe House
With accessory and signed by Melinda

Mark Reynolds

SPECIAL RAFFLE

State Farm Main Street Memories
Lemax Halloween House

Rae Campello
Pat Piccin



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Financially Speaking With Peggy...

As you may have heard, there are four positions opening up on The Village Landlord's board in January. Our officers can not serve more than two consecutive terms in the same position. I actually find it hard to believe that in January I will have completed four years as treasurer. This time has literally flown by.

I have enjoyed being on the board and taking good care of the club's money. It has really been fun to be involved on a deeper level than I had before. I've gotten to know our members better and have learned a lot more about an Excel spread sheet! That is a good thing!

I strongly encourage each of you to give serious consideration to running for office. You will have fun!...and you will help your club grow!

Peggy.....

	Actual 2013 Sep
Treasurer's Report	
Beginning Balance	\$2,318.31
Deposits	
Advertising	\$ 60.00
Membership	\$ 145.00
Picnic	\$ -
NCC Sales	\$ -
Inventory Sales	\$ -
Calendars	\$ -
Special Raffle	\$ 61.00
Special Auction	\$ -
Pin Sales/Ed	\$ -
Donations	\$ -
Raffle	\$ 112.00
Total Deposits	\$ 378.00
Expenses	
Bell South	\$ -
Copies	\$ -
Donations	\$ -
meeting	\$ 145.07
NCC dues/payments	\$ -
Other	\$ 10.91
Calendar	\$ -
Picnic	\$ 185.50
Storage	\$ 636.00
WEBSITE	\$ -
PO Box	\$ -
raffle prizes	\$ 164.78
Refreshments	\$ 35.48
Pins	\$ -
Shirt Sales	\$ -
Shirts	\$ -
Stamps	\$ 23.40
Total Expenses	\$1,201.14
Ending Balance	\$1,495.17
Raffle Bank	\$ 50.00
	\$1,545.17



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GET YOUR BROOMS READY WE HAVE PLACES TO GO!



OCTOBER

October 27, 2013-Village Landlord Meeting @ 2:15

NOVEMBER

November 4, 2013-Board Meeting @ 7:30

November 24, 2013 – Village Landlord Meeting @ 2:15

(GRINCH MEETING- GET YOUR MEAN ON!)

DECEMBER

No meeting in lieu of open houses-open house list will be distributed once its final.



Bonnie Eichholtz

From the Goodies Dept. with Bonnie!!!

I will be missing the October meeting, Peggy Layton will be standing in for me. Below is a list of who will be bringing in October Snacks. Thank you!

Mark and Gail Reynolds
Elaine Smith
Susan Roberts
Frank and Ken
Guenther Heil
Debbie King
John and Chase
Michael and Orlando
Tania Rogue

Don't forget our treats!



In honor of our 22nd Birthday we will be having a Village Landlords birthday cake! Did you know that Donna and Don Swanson and Marion Kraft have been members since the beginning? WOW Congrats!

- Wear your Village Landlords Shirt
- Wear your Village Landlords Nametags

- Volunteer to bring in goodies

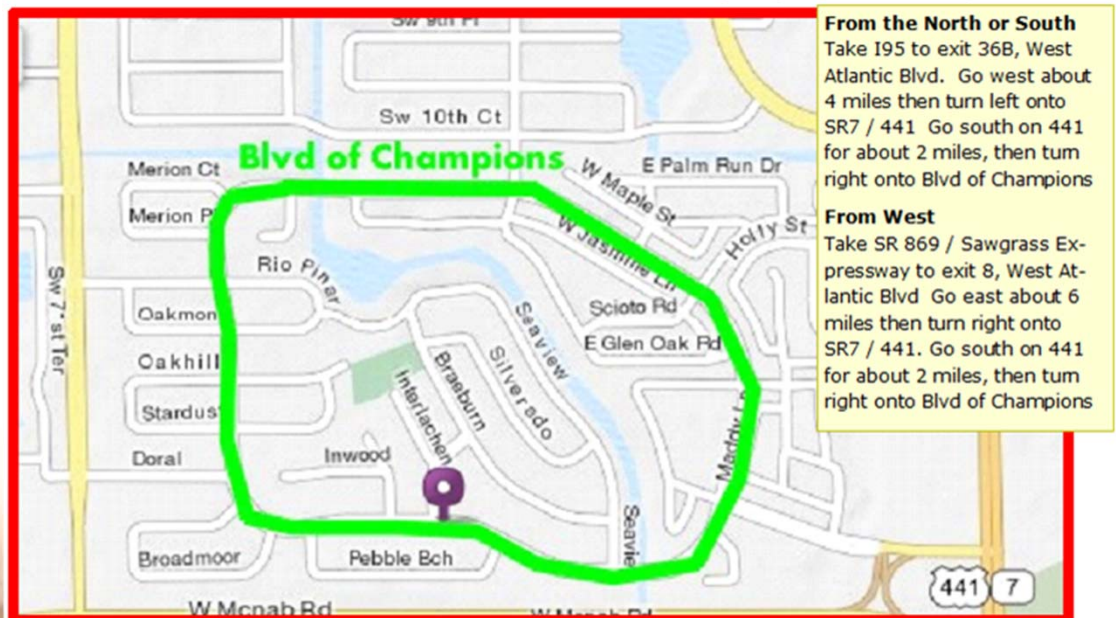
All to receive extra door prize tickets!



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

[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**



Coming soon: we will be having membership tables set up at both Christmas Palace locations, we will be looking for some Volunteers to help out!

Know anyone who is just as spooky as us? Let's bring them in, have them fill in the application today!

**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 : _____

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