

The Village Press

Our Next Meeting is January 26th, 2:15pm at
Champion's Hall, 6601 Blvd of Champions, North Lauderdale, FL 33068

JANUARY 2014

Happy
New Year!



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HAPPY NEW YEAR



2014



Bob Obenland

Message from Bob.....

Welcome back, I hope you all had a good holiday. This month we will hear from Felix Cruz, our D56 rep, to inform us on the new items for 2014 and to let us know how D56 did in 2013. Here's your chance to find out anything about D56 so get your questions ready for Felix. Jerry is also putting together a demonstration and Make N Take for the meeting.

We'd like to thank Robert & Sharon Cone, Scott & Stephanie Taggart, John Eckhardt & Chase Bagnell, Bill & Debbie King, Joe & Katherine Mc Phillips and Victoria DeBonis for inviting all of you to their homes in this year's House Tours. They all had lots of ideas for those that attended to use in their villages next year. Remember those who attended any open house will be included in a special drawing in the February meeting. So bring your signed tour schedule to the meeting and get a ticket for each house you visited and for each idea you noted (maximum of two tickets per house). The drawing is in February so you have two meetings to get your tickets in to the drawing. You will not need to be present to win.

This year we will be electing a new President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. At this point we have the following candidates: President Chris Barrett, Vic President Bonnie Eichholtz, Secretary Joe Mc Phillips and Treasurer Bob Obenland. If there are no other nominees at the January meeting these will be your new officers for 2014-5.

Hope to see you at the January meeting.

Bob



Department 56 has introduced their new pieces for 2014, lots of good stuff!

Visit Department56.com!





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Open House Spectaculars!

Happy New Year everyone! Here we are again in a brand new year.

For the January Meeting, Felix Cruz has agreed to provide us with his insights into Department 56. I am sure you all have seen the new releases and look forward to having Felix explain some of what took place to produce them.

The open house tours this year, although fewer, were nonetheless SPECTACULAR. Each home provided a new artistic view of display techniques, all members who attended the open houses can attest to that!

I cannot begin to express my wonder why more members do not attend. This is the reason we all enjoy building our villages. We wish to share our interpretations, we love to take pictures and share them with our friends and family, but I assure you this is NO COMPARISON to actually seeing it firsthand. Perhaps more of you will attend next year, oh and did I mention that some really delicious food is normally provided at these affairs? That it itself makes it worthwhile!

See you on the 26th! *Jerry*

Editors Corner With Rosie!.....

Happy New Years Everybody!

The open houses this year were just amazing. For those of you who do not attend, you have no idea what you are missing!

I don't know about you but Mike and I are ready for next year! We have lots of new "stuff" to add to our beautiful Christmas and Halloween Decorations! We love shopping after the Holidays and get all those beautiful things for 50-75% off!

Looking forward to seeing everybody again in a couple of weeks! Lets make this year the year to help out with our club, we are in need of volunteers to help out with the hospitality department. For example picking up some ice to bring to the meeting. We really could use the help! Please sign up at the next meeting!

Please notice  throughout the newsletter I've placed some fun facts and tidbits about the month of January!

See you all on January 26th! *Roseann*



Roseann Abrams



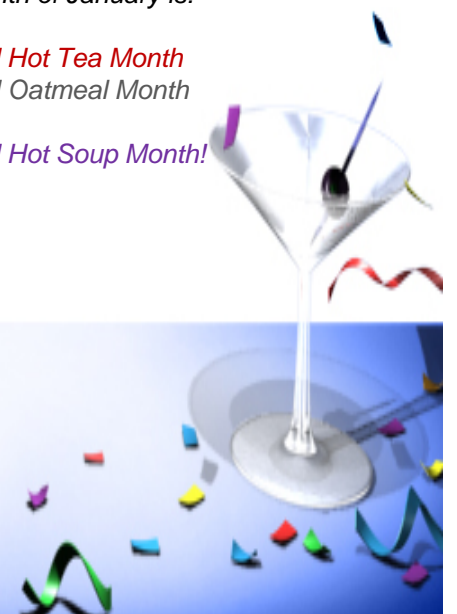
The month of January is:

National Hot Tea Month

National Oatmeal Month

and

National Hot Soup Month!





November Meeting Minutes with Joe!

Village Landlords General Meeting November 24, 2103

Board Members Present: Chris Barrett, Norm Barrett, Gene Armeno, Bonnie Eichholtz, Roseann Abrams, Jerry Fernon, Joe McPhillips and Peggy Mead.

Welcome to the Annual Grinch Exchange and Toys For Tots Drive. We also welcomed a new member, Melinda Barrios, who collects Dickens and Christmas In The City. Thank You to Debbie King for stepping in and running the membership table.

Secretary's Report; Everyone acknowledged receiving a copy of the meeting minutes in the newsletter. There were no questions and a motion to accept the report was made by Mark Reynolds and seconded by Charlie Heinsinger. The motion was passed.

Treasurer's Report: The report was read by Peggy Mead. Peggy apologized for the wrong report being in the newsletter and presented the correct one to the membership. There were no questions and a motion to accept the report was made by Donna Fresquez and seconded by Joan Heinsinger. The motion was passed.

Membership: We have 2 returning members and 2 new members bring our total to 86 members. Thank you to Jerry and his program leadership and demonstrations for this great retention rate.

Prizes and Raffles: There was no raffle at the November meeting but 10 houses were up as prizes in the Toys For Tots drive. Thank You to everyone who brought toys and a big Thank You to Bonnie for delivering the toys.

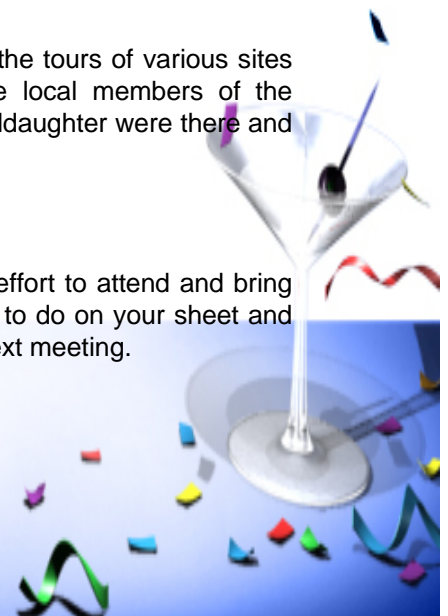
Hospitality: Bonnie passed the list around for the January meeting. Remember if you sign up to bring goodies you get an extra door prize ticket. We need some volunteers to help out with bringing the drinks and ice for the meetings. It is an easy thing to do, does not take much time and would be an enormous help to Bonnie. If a different person would volunteer for each meeting, no one would be committed on a continuing basis. Please consider stepping up and helping out. See Bonnie at the January meeting.

Newsletter: There will be no newsletter in December but we will be sending email and notifications about this season's open houses.

Connecticut Gathering: Jerry and Chris spoke about the gathering including the tours of various sites like the Mark Twain House and the Norman Rockwell House. One of the local members of the Connecticut club held an open house for everyone. Marlene Brietl and her granddaughter were there and sent a Merry Christmas greeting back to all of us.

The 2014 gathering will be in San Antonio Texas.

Open Houses: There will be six open houses this year. Please make every effort to attend and bring your sheets to be signed. Put any suggestions for what you want to learn how to do on your sheet and get it signed by the host. You could receive as many as 12 extra tickets at the next meeting.



November Meeting Minutes Con'td with Joe!

Nominating Committee: The positions of President, 1st Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer are up for election. The descriptions and job duties of each position were posted in the last newsletter. Please consider running for an office, we always need new ideas and viewpoints. See Bonnie or Victoria.

January Meeting: Jerry will be doing a demonstration and if time permits a make and take. Felix Cruz from Dept 56 will also be making his annual visit.

February Meeting: We are planning on Miguel the new designer at Christmas Palace doing a demonstration.

The Grinch Exchange was a lot of fun with several gifts being Grinched. Everyone was photographed with their prize. Check Facebook for your photo.

Door Prizes

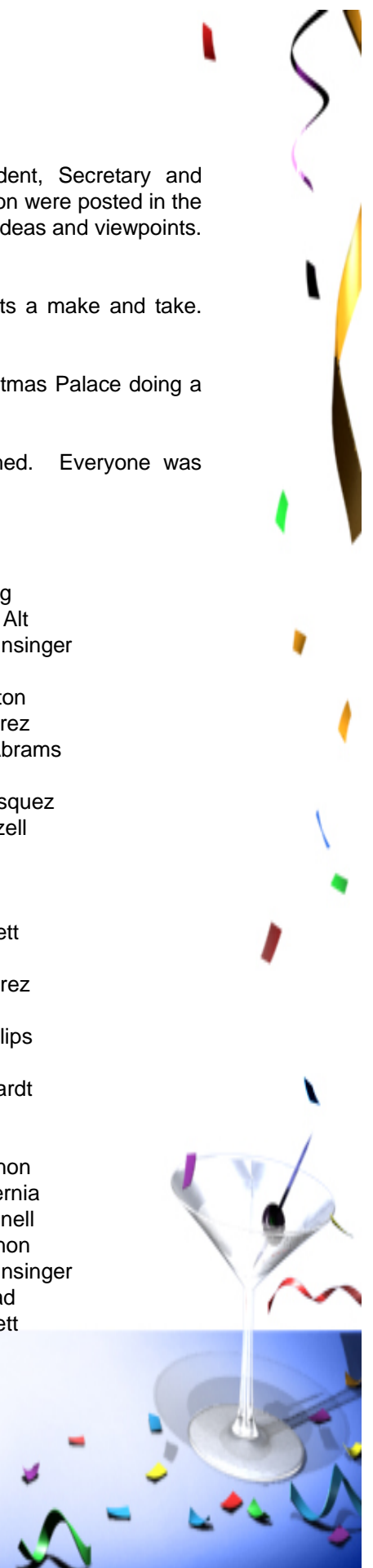
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| 01) NP Kick Up You Heels | Debbie King |
| 02) Halloween Jack O Lanterns | Genevieve Alt |
| 03) NCC Welcome Sign | Charlie Heinsinger |
| 04) NE Harvest Gathering Harvey the Scarecrow | Bill King |
| 05) Statue of Mark Twain | Peggy Layton |
| 06) Wispy Winter Trees | Gisela Suarez |
| 07) NCC Motorcycle Elves | Roseann Abrams |
| 08) Village Park Bench | Ken Moore |
| 09) Treetop Lampposts | Donna Fresquez |
| 10) 2 Sets of Icecube Lights | Dottie Winzell |

Toys For Tots Prizes

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| 01) McLean Cottage
Donated by Christmas Palace | Norm Barrett |
| 02) The Old Curiosity Shop
Donated by the Barrett's | Gisela Suarez |
| 03) Easter Egg Painting Studio
Donated by the Barrett's | Joe McPhillips |
| 04) Rigley Field
Donated by the Eichholtz's | John Eckhardt |
| 05) Elves Bunkhouse | Nancy Fernon |
| 06) Jack's Corner Barber Shop | Kathy Tavernia |
| 07) NCC Pin Shop | Chase Bagnell |
| 08) Christmas Carol Cottage | Nancy Fernon |
| 09) Leacock Poulterer | Charlie Heinsinger |
| 10) Springlake Station | Peggy Mead |
| 11) Melinda's House | Norm Barrett |



January is named after Janus (Ianuarius), the god of the doorway; the name has its beginnings in Roman mythology, coming from the Latin word for door (ianua) - January is the door to the year.



Financially Speaking With Peggy...

	Actual
	2013
Treasurer's Report	Nov/Dec
Beginning Balance	\$1,528.76
Deposits	
Advertising	\$ -
Membership	\$ 75.00
Picnic	\$ -
NCC Sales	\$ 60.00
Inventory Sales	\$ -
Calendars	\$ -
Special Raffle	\$ -
Special Auction	\$ -
Pin Sales/Ed	\$ -
Donations	\$ -
Raffle	\$ -
total deposits	\$ 135.00
Expenses	
Bell South	\$ -
Copies	\$ -
Donations	\$ -
meeting	\$ -
NCC dues/payments	\$ -
Other	\$ 32.21
Calendar	\$ -
Picnic	\$ -
Storage	\$ -
WEBSITE	\$ -
PO Box	\$ -
Raffle Prizes	\$ 183.28
Refreshments	\$ -
Pins	\$ -
Shirt Sales	\$ -
Shirts	\$ -
Stamps	\$ 18.40
Total Expenses	\$ 233.89
Ending Balance	\$1,429.87
Raffle Bank	\$ 50.00
	\$1,479.87



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

When the new year rolls around it is time for everyone to pay their dues. Just a reminder that our dues are \$15 for an individual and \$25 for a family. That is a great bargain when you stop to realize how much fun, friendship, sharing and learning we do every year.

We have such a friendly group and have a great time with our make and takes, guest speakers and other great programs.

Please remember to bring your check or cash to the January meeting or drop a check in the mail to :

The Village Landlords
PO Box 670093
Coral Springs, FL 33065

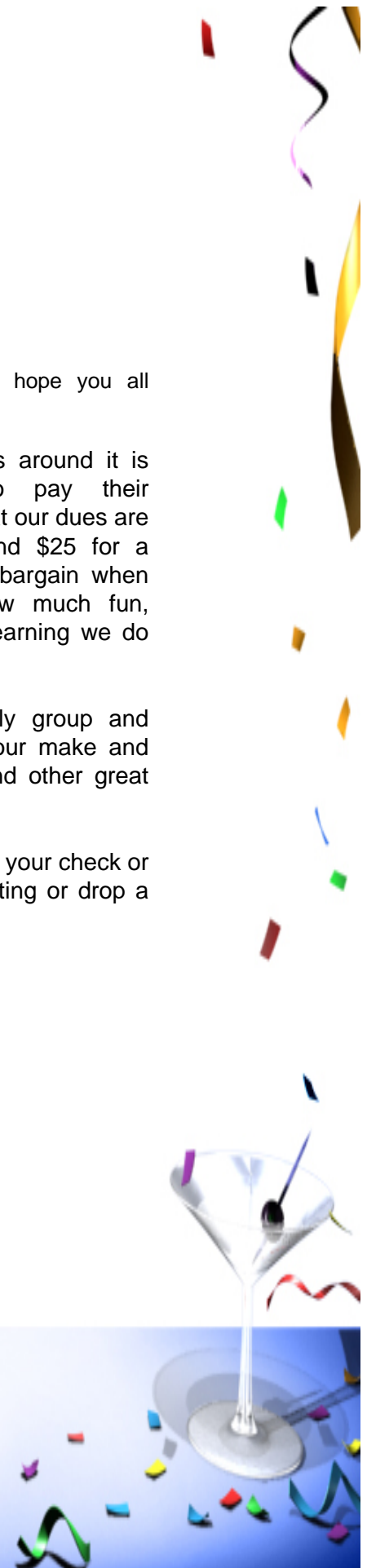
Bring it on 2014!!!

See you at the meeting!
Peggy



How Do You Say January In:

Spanish: *De enero* Italian: *Gennaio* French: *Janvier*
German: *Januar* Polish: *Stycznia* Latin: *January*



Mark Your Calendar

JANUARY

January 26th, 2014 Village Landlords Meeting @ 2:15

FEBRUARY

February 3rd, 2014 pm Board Meeting @ 7:30

February 23rd, 2014-Village Landlord Meeting @ 2:15

MARCH

March 3, 2014-Board Meeting @ 7:30

March 23, 2014 – 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:

Joan Heinsinger
Mark and Gail Reynolds
Rae Campello
Gisela and Carlos Suarez
Dorothy Winzell
Mei-Hua Paige
Gisela Gasper
Melinda Berrios

REMEMBER:

If you are not on the list, you can still bring in snacks for a ticket!



Recipe of the Month (Appropriate for next month!)

Chocolate Covered Strawberries

16 ounces milk chocolate chips
2 tablespoons shortening
1 pound fresh strawberries with leaves

Directions

In a double boiler, melt the chocolate and shortening, stirring occasionally until smooth. Holding them by the toothpicks, dip the strawberries into the chocolate mixture.

Insert toothpicks into the tops of the strawberries.

Turn the strawberries upside down and insert the toothpick into Styrofoam (which we all have somewhere in our house) for the chocolate to cool.





Happy New Year!

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

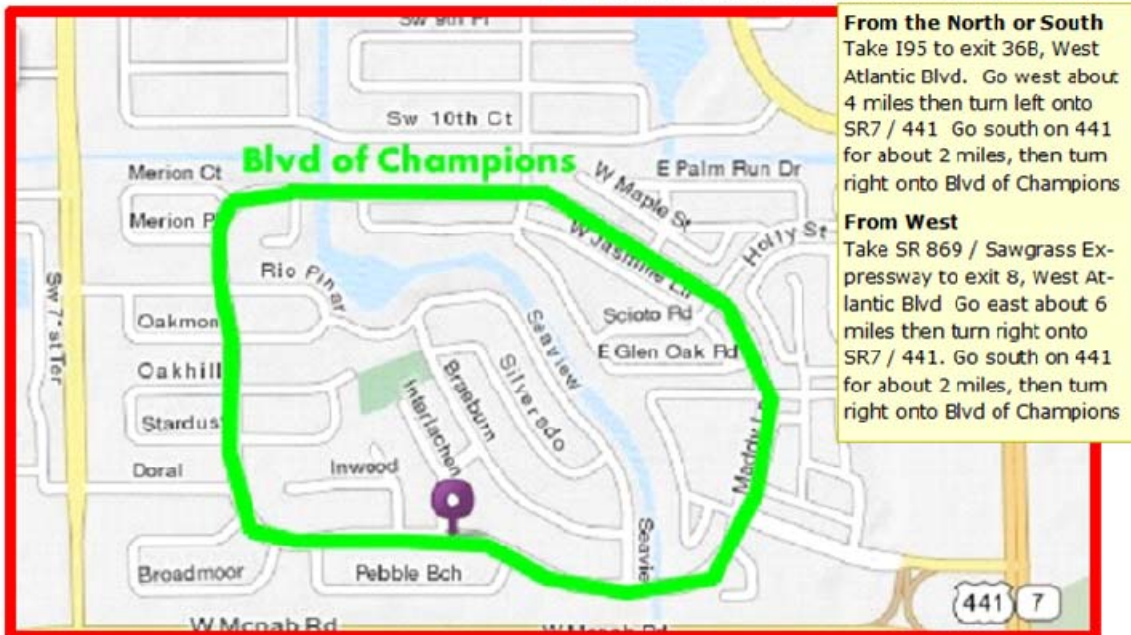


All to receive extra door prize tickets!

**Our Next Meeting is January 26, 2014, 2:15pm at
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[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?



The flower symbol of January is snowdrop & carnation.



On New Year's Eve, close to a million people congregate on Times Square to celebrate the 'Dropping of the Ball'.



In February last year, Times Square became smoke free!

VILLAGE LANDLORDS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

DATE: ___/___/2014

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
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