

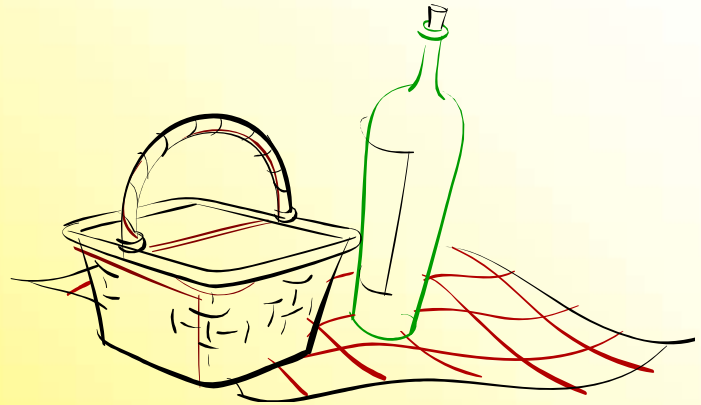
The Village Press

OUR PICNIC EDITION

**Our Next Meeting is March 23rd, 2014 at
TREE TOPS PARK**

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Message from our new President Chris.....



Our February meeting was lots of fun reliving the open houses and having the host/hostess talk about their villages and what went into getting them come to life. Seeing the slide show gave us all an opportunity to see things up close that we may have missed or forgotten about. The pictures were terrific, thanks to Bob Alt. Thank you also to Jonathan and Jerry for putting it together for us, and of course, those who invited us to their homes to share their "addiction".

As you know, the March meeting is our annual picnic. Bonnie has been hard at work planning it, and Mark is sprucing up the games. I know it will be as much fun, if not more, than the previous years. It is not too late. If you have not already signed up, you can pay at the picnic - \$10 per person. Just call Bonnie and let her know how many are coming and what dish you will be bringing. The more the merrier.

Our guest for our April meeting will be Miguel from Christmas Palace. Miguel is an "old" friend of the Club and is so very talented. You won't want to miss his demonstration.

We are already planning the September and October meetings. For September, Jerry wants to do a make 'n take with Christmas and Halloween themes. Having a Swap and Sell with just one or two people selling at a meeting was well received by the members, so look for some pieces you have wanted but were unable to find. If you are interested in scheduling a date to sell, let us know.

If you have not already paid your dues, it is not too late. See Bob at the picnic or mail your dues to Bob or to the PO Box. You won't want to miss out on getting the newsletter after April or the fun and informative meetings planned.



March is named after Mars, the Roman god of war. This is probably because the Roman battle season began in spring.



Update with Jerry!

Hi Everyone!

Holey Moley, its Picnic Time already! Get set for some fun, food and friends. Mark Reynolds has a lot of fun games lined up for us to play. Bonnie and her crew have the food well in hand and we just need to show up and the friendship will complete the day!

Gene has promised us some fine prizes for winning the games as well as a 50-50 drawing! And I can testify that that is well worth taking a chance on. I for one am looking forward to a really fun day. Don't miss it!



Our April meeting will be worth coming to as Miguel from the Christmas Palace will show us some of his talents for making your village come to life.

For the fall I plan some "make and takes" that I know you will enjoy.

I would like to say goodbye to Bob and Genevieve Alt. Bob has retired and decided to move to North Carolina! Good luck to you both!

See you at the picnic!



Our word 'picnic' dates back to 1794, exactly 100 years after 'pique-nique' was first seen in French



Roseann Abrams



Editors Corner With Rosie!.....

Hi everybody, hope we are all in a mood for a picnic? If not get in one! I am looking forward to our annual picnic always lots of fun!

Please remember to bring what you signed up for. If you forgot please call Bonnie she can let you know.

I have scanned the letter of thanks and it is on the last page of this newsletter.

See everybody at the picnic!



In the US, March 1 is National Pig Day. It is also Share A Smile Day and Peanut Butter Lover's Day.

February Meeting Minutes with Joe!



Village Landlords General Meeting February 23, 2014

Board Members Present: Chris Barrett, Norm Barrett, Bonnie Eichholtz, Joe McPhillips, Gene Armeno, Bob Obenland, Jonathon Stout, Victoria DeBonis, Roseann Abrams and Mike Abrams.

The meeting was called to order by Chris Barrett at 2:25pm. Chris welcomed everyone back, especially Gail Reynolds who had been ill. Chris introduced the board members and listed the new officers and their positions. Jerry Fernon was not present but Nancy Fernon explained that he had fallen off a ladder and injured his knee. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

Secretary's Report: The report was published in the newsletter. Joe McPhillips asked if there were any questions which there were not. 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 new treasurer Bob Obenland. There was a question about the payment for the meeting hall, we may have paid twice. Bob will research with former treasurer Peggy Mead and report back. Motion to accept the report was made by Donna Fresquez and seconded by Roseann Abrams. Motion was passed.

Membership: Victoria DeBonis is our new membership chairperson in addition to working on our Facebook page. As of the beginning of the meeting, we had 41 paid members and many people were paying dues at the meeting. Victoria will have a count for us at the next meeting. If you have not paid your dues, please do so by the March picnic meeting.

Prizes: We received several of the original Snow Village houses from a former member and Gene will be auctioning off the first 5 pieces during the meeting. We will also have the raffle drawing for those who attended the open houses of the 2013 season. Thank you to everyone who had an open house!

Hospitality: Mike Abrams has kindly volunteered to take over from Bonnie and we greatly appreciate his stepping forward. We are sure he will do a great job. Mike will pass a sign up sheet around at the March picnic for people to sign up for snacks for the April meeting.

Newsletter: Roseann is looking some good recopies to put in the newsletter in addition to her fun tips and fun facts which everyone is enjoying. Mark and Gail Reynolds asked to be put on the hard copy list for the newsletter.

Website: Jonathon reports the site is updated and running fine. He will upload the pictures for the New Storybook display at Ronald McDonald House.

Ronald McDonald House: The display was switched out from the North Pole to Storybook smoothly and efficiently by our two teams. They did a great job and had fun doing it. If you did not participate this year, please consider helping out next year. We received letters from them thanking us for the beautiful display and our generous donation.

Picnic: The picnic will be on March 23rd at Treetops park and 26 people have paid so far. Mark Reynolds will handle games again and has made some adjustments to the more challenging ones. Please sign up with Bonnie for your side dish, salad or dessert. There will also be a 50-50 drawing in addition to the games.

February Meeting Minutes with Joe Cont'd!

Future Meetings: Jerry needs some help with ideas for make and takes and demonstrations. If there is something you would like to see or learn how to do, please let him know. Miguel from Christmas Palace will be at the April meeting to do a Styrofoam demonstration. We will be having a limited swap and sell at each meeting with a maximum of two members selling. If you have items to sell, see Joe McPhillips to arrange a meeting date. At the April meeting, the King's and Bob Obenland will be selling. In September, we have Donna Fresquez and in October the Barrett's.

After the break, we were treated to a slideshow with pictures from all the open houses. Each host or a volunteer substitute narrated about the displays. All the pictures were provided by Bob Alt who has done a great job as the club photographer. Sadly, Bob and Genevieve will be moving to South Carolina soon and we will miss them and Bob's great photos. Thanks for your hard work!

Gene auctioned off the Snow Village Houses and the bidding was hot and heavy! Bob Obenland won 2 pieces, Mike Abrams took another 2 and the final piece went to Guenther Heil. Thanks to everyone who bid, we made a nice little sum for the club. Bring you money for the next set to be auctioned.

Door Prizes

Village Park Bench
NP Correct Replacement Bulb
Set of 2 Wooden PiersB
Village Fence Set of 2
DV Welcome to Lund's Art Show
Flexible Sisal Hedge
Slate Stone Path Curved Set of 4
Treetop Lamp Posts

Peggy Mead
Genevieve Alt
ob Obenland
Dan Layton
Orlando Arroyo
Roseann Abrams
Michael Wiggins
Mark Reynolds

Raffle Prizes

SnowyScotch Pines Set of 3
SV Hitch Up The Buckboard
CIC City Sledding
Mill Creek Campsite
NE J Hudson Stoveworks

Norm Barrett
Donna Fresquez
Marvel Smith
Gail Reynolds

Gene Armeno

Mystery House

NP Karoke Club w/Accessory

Pat Pican

Special Raffle

Craggy Cliff Platform

Gene Armeno

Number Raffle

NCC Pin Shop

Gisela Suarez

Open House Raffle

CIC Sana Reindeer Petting Stable
DV Bean and Son Smithy Shop

Bob Obenland
Bonnie Eicholtz



Originally a picnic was a fashionable social event to which each guest contributed some food.



Financially Speaking with Bob

It's hard to believe we are three months into 2014!

Our next meeting is the Picnic, just a reminder if you did not sign up and want to attend you can come join us and pay when you arrive!

See you at the picnic.....Bob



	Actual
	Feb-14
Treasurer's Report	Total
Beginning Balance	\$1,554.51
Deposits	
Advertising	\$0.00
Membership	\$370.00
Picnic	\$310.00
NCC Sales	\$0.00
Inventory Sales	\$24.00
Calendars	\$0.00
Special Raffle	\$31.00
Special Auction	\$106.00
Pin Sales/Ed	\$0.00
Donations	\$0.00
Raffle	\$82.00
Total Deposits	\$923.00
Expenses	
Bell South	\$0.00
Copies	\$0.00
Donations	\$0.00
meeting	\$0.00
NCC dues/payments	\$0.00
Other	\$0.00
Calendar	\$0.00
Picnic	\$0.00
Storage	\$0.00
WEBSITE	\$0.00
PO Box	\$0.00
Raffle Prizes	\$0.00
Refreshments	\$8.12
Pins	\$0.00
Shirt Sales	\$0.00
Shirts	\$0.00
Stamps	\$0.00
Total Expenses	\$8.12
Ending Balance	\$2,469.39
Raffle Bank	\$50.00
	\$2,519.39



In the year 2000, a 600-mile-long picnic took place in France on July 14 to celebrate the first Bastille Day of the new millennium.

Mark Your Calendar

MARCH

March 23rd, 2014 – Picnic – Tree Top Park

APRIL

April 7th, 2014-Board Meeting @7:30

April 27th, 2014-Village Landlord Meeting @ 2:15

MAY

ENJOY YOUR SUMMER!

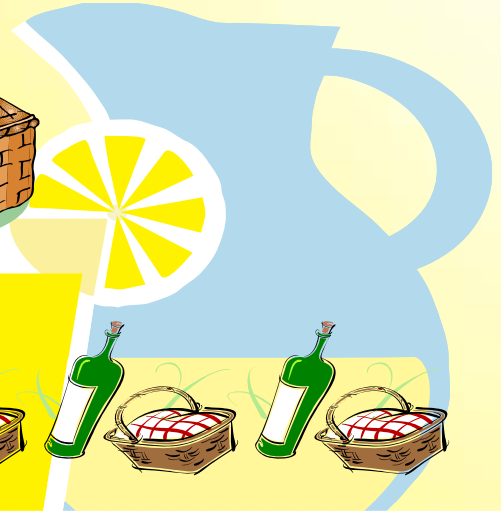
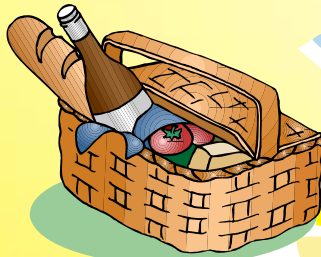


Mike Abrams

From the Goodies Dept. with Mike!!!

This month is our picnic. Don't forget to bring what you signed up for! We will be passing around a list for the April meeting at the picnic.

See you there!



TREE TOP PARK DIRECTIONS

From I-595, exit at Nob Hill Road. Travel 2.5 miles south on Nob Hill. Tree Tops will be on the left hand side.

From I-95, exit at Griffin Road. Travel west approximately 8.2 miles to Nob Hill Road. Turn right. Travel a quarter of a mile north. The entrance to the park will be on the right hand side (east side) of the road.

From I-75, exit at Griffin Road and travel east approximately 4.7 miles to Nob Hill Road. Turn left. Travel a quarter of a mile north. The entrance to the park will be on the right hand side (east side) of the road.



Don't Forget



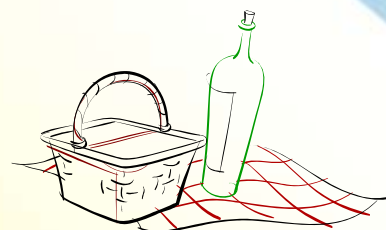
Wear your Village Landlords Shirt



Wear your Village Landlords Nametags



Volunteer to bring in goodies



All to receive extra door prize tickets!

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: _____

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HOME PHONE #: _____

E-MAIL: _____

What year did you start collecting?

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

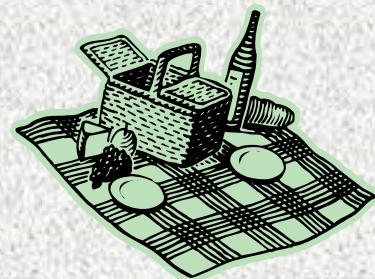
☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Possibly ☐ Need more information

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

☐ Display Techniques ☐ Guest Speakers ☐ Social Events ☐ Workshops

☐ Other _____

Comments : _____



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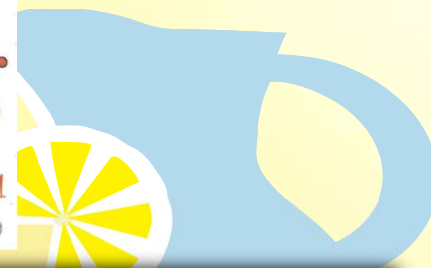


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January 14, 2014

Ms. Margaret S. Mead
The Village Landlords
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Coral Springs, FL 33065

Dear Ms. Margaret S. Mead:

On behalf of the families and staff of Ronald McDonald House Charities of South Florida, I want to sincerely thank you and the members of **The Village Landlords** for your generous donation in the amount of **\$500.00** received. This gift received was a lovely tribute to help our organization. We are honored to receive this gift on behalf of the families we strive to help. Your gift is an excellent example of the wonderful support we receive from members of our community. Thank you for thinking of RMHC Families during the holiday season. It's people like you and your organization that truly make Ronald McDonald house "The House that Love Built."

Your lovely donation will go to benefit the **"Share a Night" program**. The Share a Night fund helps provide for night stays for a family that cannot afford the \$20 donation fee per night. Your gift is an excellent example of the wonderful support we receive from members in our shared community. This gift provides for **50 nights** for a family. By sharing your blessings with us, we will continue to provide families a "home-away-from-home" while they focus on their child in the hospital.

We would like to provide you with our Tax ID number to claim your donation as tax exempt. The number is 59-1899866, under Ronald McDonald House Charities of South Florida.

Your generous donation has warmed the hearts and eased the minds of families during trying times. Once again, thank you for your support and remember you will always have a friend at the Ronald McDonald Houses of South Florida.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Soraya Rivera-Moya". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Soraya Rivera-Moya
Executive Director