

The Village Press

Happy New Year



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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

**PLEASE NOTE OUR MEETING IS THIS SUNDAY JANUARY
18TH!**

Our annual picnic is on March 22, 2015 at Tree Tops Park.

Please see page 9 which contains the application.

Please fill out the application and bring in your picnic fee of \$10.00 per person, family members and friends are invited but will have to pay \$10 per person and please put the number of people attending on your application so we know how many people are attending.

At our meeting next week we will pass around a sign up sheet for side dishes.

Thanks see you Sunday!

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Treasurers Report

Bank Balance Date
Treasurer's Report

Actual
2014
Dec

Beginning Balance \$2,053.07

Deposits

Advertising	\$0.00
Membership	\$160.00
Picnic	\$0.00
NCC Sales	\$0.00
Inventory Sales	\$0.00
Calendars	\$0.00
Special Raffle	\$0.00
Special Auction	\$0.00
Pin Sales	\$0.00
Donations	\$0.00
Raffle	\$155.00
Total Deposits	\$315.00

Expenses

Bell South	\$0.00
Copies	\$0.00
Donations	\$0.00
Meeting	\$19.87
NCC dues	\$36.00
Other	\$7.74
Calendar	\$0.00
Picnic	\$0.00
Storage	\$0.00
WEBSITE	\$0.00
PO Box	\$0.00
Raffle Prizes	\$20.00
Refreshments	\$52.46
Pins	\$0.00
Shirt Sales	\$0.00
Shirts	\$0.00
Stamps	\$0.00
Total Expenses	\$136.07

Ending Balance \$2,232.00
\$50.00
\$2,282.00
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Chris Barrett

A message from Chris.....

Welcome back, I hope you all had a good holiday. This month we will hear from Felix Cruz, our D56 rep and pictures of the house tours. In addition, we will be having a special, special raffle. We were able to collect all the pieces of the Monopoly Village. There are 8 buildings that spell Monopoly. This is your opportunity to get the entire set that came out in 1999 and has been retired for quite a long time.

We'd like to thank Robert & Sharon Cone, Rae Campello, Anthony Jackowitch, Dan and Peggy Layton, Joe & Katherine Mc Phillips, Jason Balog and Brandon McCard, Bob Obenland, Joseph & Diane LaMonica, Jerry & Nancy Fernon 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. This year we had more tours than the last couple of years so we had more fun and ideas. If you did not make them this year make sure to do so next year. Remember that those having the tour are personally inviting you to their party.

I want to thank Bob Obenland for representing us at the Ronald McDonald Christmas Open House and selling the ornaments we put together at our meeting. We were able to raise \$350. See Bob's article on the event. He got Ronald to sign some for us to sell at this months meeting so you can buy some to raise more for the Ronald McDonald House.

This year we will be electing 2nd-Vice-President, Programs and Membership. At this point we have the following candidates: 2nd-Vice-President Gene Armeno, Programs Jerry Fernon and Membership Victoria DeBonis. If there are no other nominees at the January meeting these will be your new officers for 2015-6. Hope to see you at the January meeting.

Chris

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Jerry Fernon

Happy New Year!

Here we are in 2015. Not to complain but that number is getting closer to the one in the 1900's that corresponds to my birth year. Older but not necessarily wiser I wish you all Happy New Year!

For our January Meeting will once again be entertained by Felix Cruz our Department 56 representative. I say entertained because he will bring us up to date on all Dept. 56 news including the new pieces! He does this with his easy, descriptive and entertaining manner, and is always enjoyable to listen to.

In addition, I want to show a slideshow of highlights of the open houses for 2014/15. During this presentation I would hope that the members whose home is being presented will explain some of the ideas and techniques they have put into their displays. One of the topics they should cover is "how they got started". We all have a story there and they are all different.

My wife and I went to most of the open houses. We missed 2 of them because of prior commitments. The ones we did make were absolutely beautiful. From pictures provided to me for our website the two I missed fell into that same category, BEAUTIFUL. Such talent! As of this writing all have been posted on the "Village Landlords" website thanks to Jonathan.

Hope to see you all on January 18th.

Editors Corner With Rosie!.....



Roseann Abrants

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I am so sorry I missed so many open houses this year,. I was up North with my family for Christmas Week and the few weekends prior to that we had our company Christmas parties. Agreeing with Jerry the pictures proved they were all beautiful.

A few different things in the Newsletter . One the treasurers report is next to Chris' message because I just ran out of room. Bob has wrote a great article with pictures updating us on the Ronald McDonald event, so I moved his report to Chris' page. Next there are no fun facts in this newsletter because I was short for time, our meeting is one week early so I had to get this newsletter done quickly.

God willing next month we will be back to normal!

See you on the 18th!



Joe's Meeting Minutes.....

Village Landlords General Meeting November 23, 2014



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

Chris Barrett called the meeting to order at 2:30pm. Chris introduced the board members and thanked everyone for their well wishes and cards while she was ill. She also gave a special thank you to 1st Vice President Bonnie Eichholtz for filling in for her. Bonnie spoke up to tell everyone that Chris and Norm had celebrated their 50th anniversary and had been given a surprise dinner party. Everyone wished Chris and Norm a Happy anniversary and many more.

One of our members, Gail Reynolds, is very ill with pneumonia and other issues and needs our prayers and support. Gail's husband Mark Reynolds is a past president of the club and has been our game master at the annual club picnic for the last few years.

Once again, we owe a big round of thanks to Nancy Fernon and Bonnie Eichholtz for organizing the Toys For Tots drive and delivering all those great toys to the kids.

Three new members are joining us at the November meeting:

Joanie Roth found us on the internet and collects Snow Village, Linda Bower found us at Christmas Palace and collects New England and other collectibles Kathy Kirouac also found us at Christmas Palace and collects Dickens and North Pole.

Secretary's Report: The report was posted in the newsletter. There were no questions and a motion to accept the report was made by Charlie Heinsinger and seconded by Gene Armeno. The motion was passed.

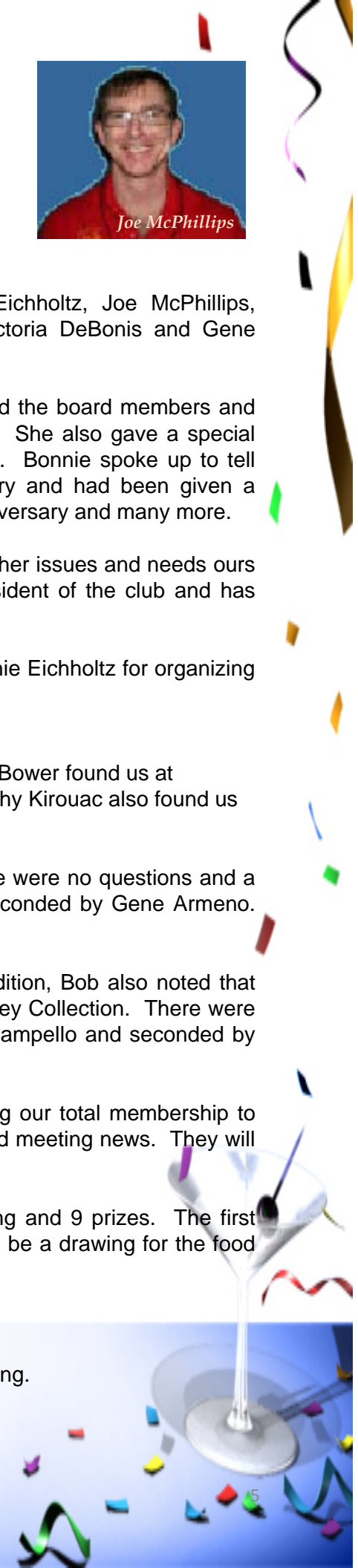
Treasurer's Report: The report was read by Bob Obenland. In addition, Bob also noted that due to some recent inventory purchases we now have the entire Disney Collection. There were no questions and a motion to accept the report was made by Rae Campello and seconded by Charlie Heinsinger. The motion passed.

Membership/Facebook; Victoria reports that the new members bring our total membership to 100. Victoria and Jerry continue to update Facebook with pictures and meeting news. They will also be posting pictures from all the open houses.

Prizes/Raffles: There will be 7 winners in the Toys For Tots drawing and 9 prizes. The first winner will take their pick and it will go down the line. There will also be a drawing for the food basket donated by Jason and Brandon.

Newsletter: There will be no newsletter in December.

Website: Jonathon was not at the meeting but the site is up and running.



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Joe's Meeting Minutes Cont'd.....

Hospitality: Anyone who brought food to the November meeting will get their extra door prize tickets at the January meeting. Mike will give the list of names to Victoria. Sign up to bring food in January and get tickets also.

Ronald McDonald House: As you probably have heard, the house was remodeled and we will no longer have a year round display up. However, we did put up the North Pole display for the holidays in a new room and will go back to take it down around the end of January or beginning of February. The new location will allow visitors to see the display through a window during the holiday fundraiser on December 6th.

Other news: Bonnie read a letter from Genevieve and Bob Alt updating us on what they have been up to since the move up to South Carolina. Robert and Sharon Cone were featured in Classic Toy Train magazine with a great article and pictures on the train and village display. Chris had a copy of the magazine for everyone to see.

Open Houses: There are a total of 10 open houses this year from Hialeah to Lakeland. Please try to attend as many as you can to show support for your fellow club members. There is something new to see and to learn in every display.

The Quilt: Tickets are available from Peggy Mead to take a chance on winning the quilt done by Gloria Obenland. The drawing is not until April so if you do not get tickets at this meeting you still have time.

January Meeting: We will have our yearly visit from Felix of Dept 56 to discuss the past year and to tell us about upcoming pieces and events.

Grinch Exchange: Bob Obenland was the lucky first ticket and got to make the final Grinch steal which he took full advantage of. There were numerous other steals of course and everyone had a great time.

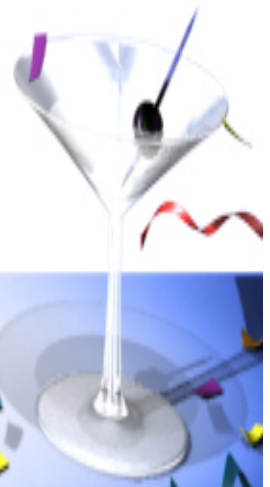
Prize Winners

Peggy Mead was the lucky winner of the food basket donated by Jason and Brandon.

Toy For Tots

CIC The Monte Carlo Casino
DV Aldeburg Music Box Shop
SV Hunting Lodge
NCC Jack's Umbrella Shop
NCC Traders Pin Shop
Craggy Cliff Platform
Large Palm Trees

Eileen Henderson
Pat Piccin
Rae Campello
Peggy Mead
Kathy Travernia
Joan Heinsinger
Elaine Smith



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On December 6th we took the Bead-It ornaments we built at our meeting to the Ronald McDonald House Open House. I sat with Ronald to sell them for \$10 each to raise money for the Ronald McDonald House. Ronald said when we started "Bob you could have given me something bigger to sign" but he was eager to sign them and he even put a "selfie" on them, see photo. Ronald had other things to do but as soon as he was done he came back to sign. The only problem we had was when the Heat Mascot came he stole our black marker.

We raised some \$350 and were invited back for next year's Open House. Ronald signed an additional 20 that will be available for sale at this month's meeting for \$5 each. All proceeds from sales will be given to the Ronald McDonald House.

Bob Openland



Mark Your Calendar

JANUARY

January 18, 2015 Village Landlords Meeting @ 2:15

FEBURARY

February 2, 2015 pm Board Meeting @ 7:30

February 22, 2015-Village Landlord Meeting @ 2:15

MARCH

March 2, 2015-Board Meeting @ 7:30

March 22, 2015 – Picnic See application in this newsletter



From the Goodies Dept. with Mike!!!

The board will be bringing in the goodies this month.

If anyone else would like to bring in some goods for a extra door prize ticket you can!

Thanks.

Recipe of the Month (thanks to Carrie Erdman for submitting)!

BROCCOLI SLAW SALAD

- 1 pkg. Broccoli slaw (sold at Publix)
- 1 cup dry roasted sunflower seeds
- 1 cup almond slivers or pieces, toasted
- 1 pkg Ramen noodles (chicken flavor) Do not cook.
- 1 bunch green onions, chopped
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup dried cranberries
- Cut up chicken can also be added.

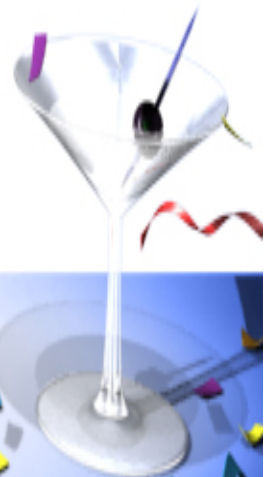
Dressing: I use a small Cuisinart to make this dressing, emulsifying it. Mix sugar, vinegar, and seasoning packet first, then add oil in a drizzle. You can mix ingredients for the dressing in a jar and shake vigorously, a few times during its waiting period, and just before pouring on the salad.

- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar
- $\frac{1}{3}$ cup white vinegar
- 1 packet of the seasoning in the Ramen noodles
- 1 cup canola oil

If doubling the slaw salad, the dressing recipe is as follows: $\frac{3}{4}$ cup sugar, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup vinegar, 2 packets of the seasonings and 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups canola oil.

Make dressing the night before and let sit at room temperature. Pour on salad 2 hours before serving.

1/2 c. broccoli flowerettes, cut-up



2014 VILLAGE LANDLORDS PICNIC

March 22, 2015 Tree Top Park

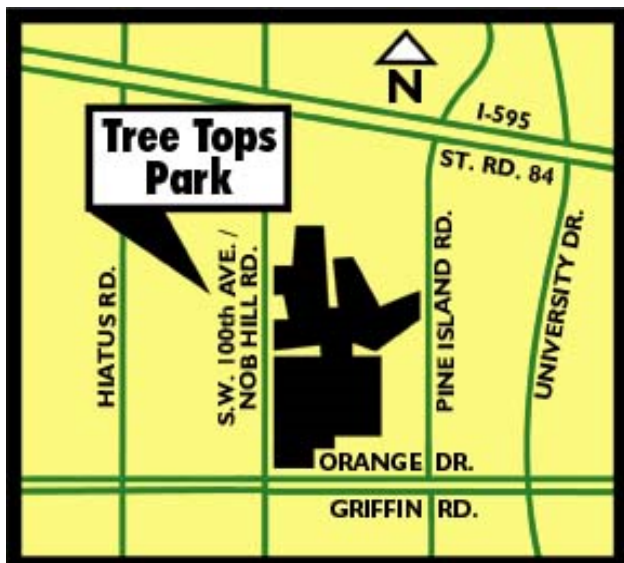
NAME: _____

OF ATTENDEESS: _____

@ \$10.00 pp = \$ _____

DISH YOU WILL BE BRINGING: _____

*Detach top half and submit to Village Landlords Meeting on
January 18th, 2015 , along with payment.
Thank you!*



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.



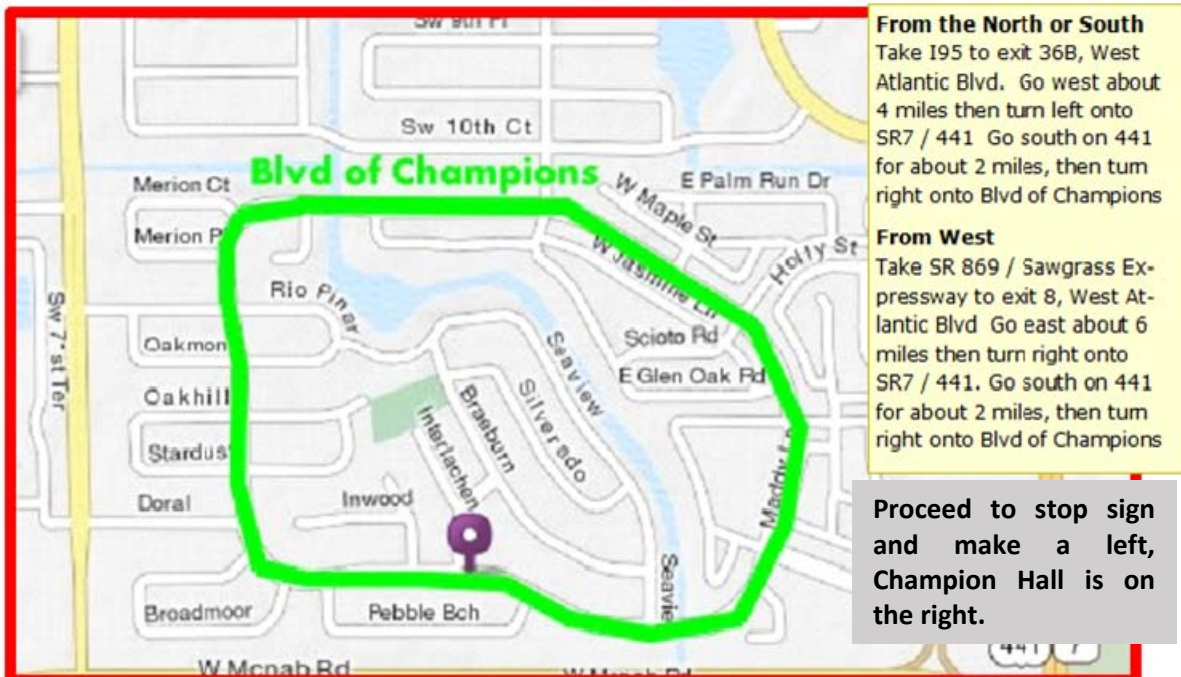
**Kathy Tavernia will have a table set up at our next meeting with
Items for sale!**



Our Next Meeting is January 18th, 2014, 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





For all meetings :

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

- Complete the Word Search and bring it in! **NEW!**

All to receive extra door prize tickets!

VILLAGE LANDLORDS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

DATE: __/__/2015

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 : _____

Happy New Year!

Alpine Village Word Search

By Jenny Kruger

WORD LIST

Castle Wolfstein	Wolfstein Beer Hall
Christkindl Post Office	Snowdrop Cottage
The Christkindl Miracle	Wolfstein Beer Wagon
Sharing An Alpine Christmas	Pretzels And Beer
Christmas Market, The Nutcracker Booth	

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Special Raffle:

This months Special Raffle will be the complete set of Monopoly Buildings.
For all you Monopoly fans be sure to get your tickets!



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