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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT



Our annual picnic is on March 22, 2015 at Tree Tops Park starting at 12 noon!

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 have a head count.

Also please make sure you sign up for a Picnic side.

The club pays for Fried Chicken, Spiral Ham, Rolls, Soda, Water and all paper goods.





A TRIBUTE TO CHRIS BARRET

Chris was a member of the Village Landlords since 1995. She served as President and Vice-President many times over, as well as Secretary. She served with great dedication to the Club's benefit. She gave entirely of herself, doing her job and beyond.

The Club was a very important part of Chris' life. She loved being in the Club and considered it her extended family.

Chris gave many hours of her time and energy to the Ronald McDonald House and other charities as well.

I met Chris in 2000, and I not only speak for myself, but many others, when I say we are Blessed to have known her and to have called her our friend. She was a very special person, very giving and had such a caring heart, a real people person. Chris had a terrific sense of humor, making her so much fun to be with, so many good laughs together. She had such great stories to tell.

Chris is and will be sorely missed. She will remain forever in our hearts. She was much loved.

Our Deepest Sympathy, Thoughts and Love go out to Norm

Bonnie Eichholtz on behalf of the Village Landlords

M E M O R Y

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Jerry Fernon

Catching up with Jerry!

Valentine's Day has almost come and gone. Our arduous winter is nearly over, we even had to turn on the heat one day. What can we look forward to? I'll tell you. Miguel from the Christmas Palace is going to visit us at our February meeting. This ought to brighten up our meeting.

Miguel plans to demonstrate some of his genius ideas for making displays. The club is donating "Santa's Visiting Center" to be incorporated into his display. The result will be raffled at the meeting. I for one will definitely buy some tickets for this one!

I want to personally thank Felix Cruz for his contributions at our last meeting.

I know that everyone is saddened by the recent loss of Chris Barrett, I want to extend my deepest sympathy to Norm, she will be missed.

A heads up—March is our annual picnic. Everyone should come. Good food, great games and lots of fun.

See you all on Feb 22.



Editors Corner With Rosie!.....



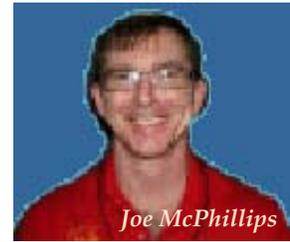
Roseann Abrams

We have a fun meeting this month with Miguel coming in to carve us up a raffle we can all fight over! We also have a member from the past with a table filled with stuff for sale! As well as three items up for auction see page 9 for details!

Please make sure you sign up for the picnic side dish you are bringing, and be sure to bring in your picnic applications and dues. Its going to be a great time!

Also see page 14 for a beautiful letter from the Ronald McDonald House in memory of Chris. I still can't believe she is not here, it's just is very hard to grasp. Thank you Bonnie for that beautiful article.





Joe McPhillips

Joe's Meeting Minutes.....

Village Landlords General Meeting January 18, 2015

Board Members Present: Victoria DeBonis, Bob Obenland, Jerry Fernon, Joe McPhillips, Gene Armeno, Bonnie Eichholtz and Jonathon Stout.

Bonnie Eichholtz called the meeting to order at 2:40pm.

Bob Obenland started the meeting by making the announcement that our president, Chris Barrett had passed away from cancer. Chris had not been feeling well the last few months and had been fighting an infection from a leg wound. She was admitted to Holy Cross hospital where doctors ran tests and a biopsy confirmed advanced cancer. Chris was moved to hospice and passed peacefully. Bob gave the information regarding the memorial service time and place and would send out an email to notify members not present at the meeting.

Bonnie Eichholtz as the 1st Vice President will assume the position of President. Nancy Fernon has agreed to step in as 1st Vice President.

Secretary's Report: The report was published in the newsletter for review. There were no questions or correction. A motion to accept the report was made by Charlie Heinsinger and seconded by Ken Moore. The motion was passed.

Treasurer's Report: The report was read by Bob Obenland. Bob also reported on the sale of the Bead It ornaments at Ronald McDonald House where we raised \$350 for the house. Bob has some signed ornaments left that are available to members for \$5. There are three \$20 Village Landlord t-shirts left as well as some NCC items for sale. There were no questions or corrections and a motion to accept the report was made by Dan Layton and seconded by Frank Cavanaugh. The motion was passed.

Membership/Facebook: Victoria DeBonis reports that as of the last meeting we have 101 members. As a reminder, dues for 2015 are now payable. The price is still the same \$15 for singles and \$25 for families. Please see Bob Obenland or mail your payment to the club address. Facebook is updated with all the open houses and latest news; we have received "like" form all over the world.

Prizes/Raffles: The special raffle this meeting will be for 7 of the 8 Monopoly Houses. The club will buy the missing house for the winner as soon as we can find it at a reasonable price.

Hospitality: Mike passed around the sign-up sheet for next month. Remember if you sign up and bring food you will get an extra door prize ticket. Sign-up sheets are also out for the March picnic. Bring your side dish, salad or dessert.

Newsletter: Roseann is always looking for recipes and interesting articles. If you have a good collecting story or find a new website or store or item, please let her know.

Website: Jonathon still had the last 2 open houses to post but is otherwise up to date.

Open Houses: There were 10 wonderful open houses this season. Thank you to all the hosts and hostess' for letting us into your homes to see awesome displays. There is something to learn from every display that you might be able to add to yours. If you did not attend, please make every effort to do so next year.

Board Elections: The positions open this year are 2nd Vice President, Membership and Programs. No new candidates came forward so Gene Armeno, Victoria DeBonis and Jerry Fernon were reelected to the positions.

Feb Meeting: Miguel from Christmas Palace will do a demonstration North Pole vignette which will be raffled off at the end of the meeting.

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

Picnic: The annual picnic will be on March 22nd at the same time and location. Food will be served starting at 12 noon. Sign-up sheets for salads and side dishes are available. The cost is \$10 per person and guests are invited.

After the break: our guest speaker, Felix, spoke about happenings at Dept. 56 and announced that Disney's Frozen would be released as a new separate village. Felix then invited members to speak about how long they have been collecting and how they got started. These members all shared their stories:

Guenther Heil
Jerry and Nancy Fernon
CJ and Jody Roth
Joe LaMonica
Gene Armeno
Bob Obenland
Chet and Diane Rosenbaum



The meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm.

Door Prizes

- Set of Trees
- SV Fire Hydrant and Mailbox
- Village Bicycle and Tricycle
- Brick Wall set of 4
- Under The NCC Umbrella
- Village Santa's Sleigh Sign
- Village Sign and Bench
- DV History Pins
- Decorated Sisal Trees
- M&M Valentine House

Raffle Prizes

- SV Oh Brother
- Fieldstone Wall Set of 6
- Wolves In The Woods
- Village Porcelain Pines
- DV J Horsley Christmas Cards
- Fiber Optic Wood

Mystery House

North Pole Santa's Woodworks

Special Raffle

Monopoly Houses

Rae Campello
Linda Bower
Josephine Armeno
Charlie Heinsinger
Jody Roth
Guenther Heil
Mei-Hua Paige
Kathy Travernia
Donna Freqez
Tania Rogue

Bob Obenland
Robert Carter
Robert Carter
Jessica Spicer
Eileen Henderson
Jessica Spicer

Donna Fresquez

Bob Obenland



More than 36 million heart-shaped boxes of chocolate are sold for Valentine's Day each year.

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Bob Obenland

Last month we will heard from Felix Cruz, our D56 rep, and he informed us on the new items for 2015 and et us know how D56 did in 2014. He also wanted to know how we got started collecting D56 so he asked for volunteers to tell their stories. Several members gave their experience in starting their collecting. This month Miguel will be here to carve us up a great raffle prize!

It's time again to pay your dues. Remember that individual dues are \$15 and family dues are \$25. If you joined in Oct or Nov you are paid for 2015. If you joined in Sept your dues will be \$10 or \$15. You can pay at the February meeting or mail to me at:

Bob Obenland
7747 Via Grande
Boynton Beach, FL 33437

Hope to see you at the January meeting.



Treasurers Report

	Actual
	2014
	January
Bank Balance Date	
Treasurer's Report	
Beginning Balance	\$2,232.00
Deposits	
Advertising	\$0.00
Membership	\$380.00
Picnic	\$0.00
NCC Sales	\$0.00
Inventory Sales	\$0.00
Calendars	\$0.00
Special Raffle	\$50.00
Special Auction	\$0.00
Pin Sales	\$0.00
Donations	\$65.00
Raffle	\$130.00
Total Deposits	\$625.00
Expenses	
Bell South	\$0.00
Copies	\$0.00
Donations	\$0.00
Meeting	\$90.00
NCC dues	\$0.00
Other	\$100.00
Calendar	\$0.00
Picnic	\$0.00
Storage	\$0.00
WEBSITE	\$0.00
PO Box	\$0.00
Raffle Prizes	\$0.00
Refreshments	\$15.08
Pins	\$0.00
Shirt Sales	-\$60.00
Shirts	\$0.00
Stamps	\$0.00
Total Expenses	\$145.08
Ending Balance	<u>\$2,711.92</u>
	<u>\$50.00</u>
	<u><u>\$2,761.92</u></u>



The oldest surviving love poem till date is written in a clay tablet from the times of the Sumerians around 3500 BC.

Mark Your Calendar

FEBRUARY

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

MARCH

March 2, 2015-Board Meeting @ 7:30

March 22, 2015 – 12:00 NOON – Tree Tops Park

APRIL

April 6, 2015-Board Meeting @ 7:30 pm

April 26, 2015 – Village Landlord Meeting @ 2:15



From the Goodies Dept. with Mike!!!

The following members will be bringing in snacks this month. Thanks!
Anyone can just bring in snacks to get an extra door prize ticket!

Mary Spicer
Gisela Suarez
Donna Fresquez
Jody Roth
Ken Moore
Rae Campello



Recipe of the Month Nancy's YUMMY Chocolate Cake (thanks to Nancy Fernon for submitting)!

2 CUPS SUGAR
2 TEASPOON VANILLA
½ CUP OIL
2 CUPS HOT WATER
1 CUP DARK COCOA
2 EGGS
2 CUPS OF ALL PURPOSE FLOUR
PINCH OF SALT
2 LEVEL TEASPOONS OF BAKING SODA
1 TEASPOON OF BAKING POWDER
¾ CUP CHOPPED WALNUTS (OPTIONAL)
ONE TEASPOON OF BAKING POWDER

Put all ingredients in one bowl and mix.

Grease and flour baking pan or use Pam baking spray with flour. Bake at 350 for 40-45 MINUES

Makes a two layer cake, one sheet cake or a Bundt pan cake.

I frost mine with Betty Crockers "Hershey's Special Dark" Premium frosting.



SPECIAL AUCTION THIS MEETING!

Three Items Up for Auction!



25th Dept. 56 Anniversary Tray-
The first six houses of D56 are Hand Carved
Inside – this is a must have!



North Pole Bench-

This is a must have! Will bring holiday cheer to any room in
your home!



Crayola Crayon Bench

What a great piece! As most of us saw this piece at Bob's
Beautiful home sporting the North Pole Crayola Building on top!
Another Must Have!!!

2014 VILLAGE LANDLORDS PICNIC

March 22, 2015 Tree Top Park @ 12 NOON

NAME: _____

OF ATTENDESS: _____

@ \$10.00 pp = \$ _____

DISH YOU WILL BE BRINGING:

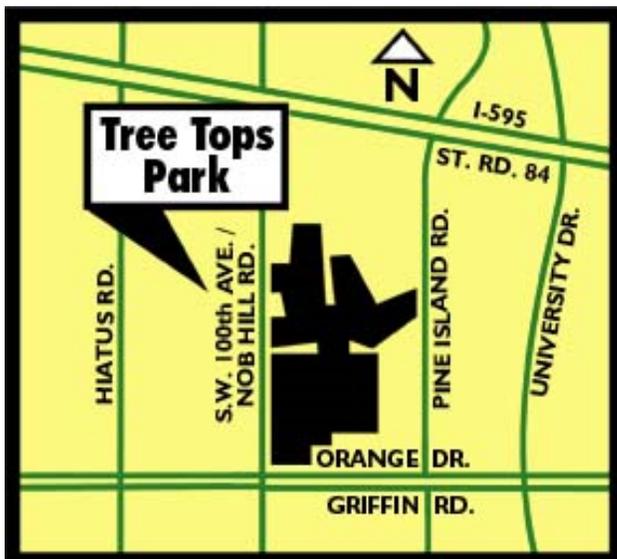
*Detach top half and submit to Village Landlords Meeting on
February 22nd, 2015 , along with payment.
Thank you!*

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.





Donna Swanson will have a table set up at our next meeting with Items for sale!



**Our Next Meeting is February 22nd, 2015, 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](#)

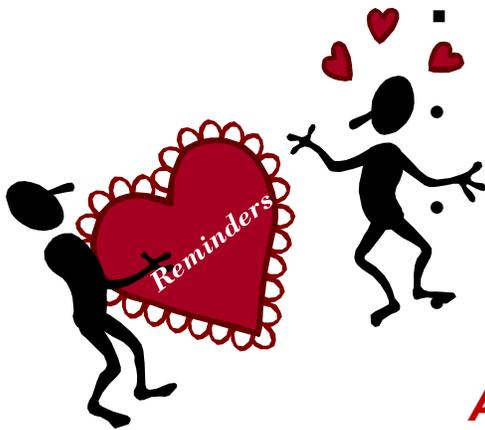
**New Meeting Location: Champion's Hall
6601 Blvd of Champions, North Lauderdale, FL 33068**

From the North or South
Take I95 to exit 36B, West Atlantic Blvd. Go west about 4 miles then turn left onto SR7 / 441 Go south on 441 for about 2 miles, then turn right onto Blvd of Champions

From West
Take SR 869 / Sawgrass Expressway to exit 8, West Atlantic Blvd Go east about 6 miles then turn right onto SR7 / 441. Go south on 441 for about 2 miles, then turn right onto Blvd of Champions

Proceed to stop sign and make a left, Champion Hall is on the right.

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! 

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 _____

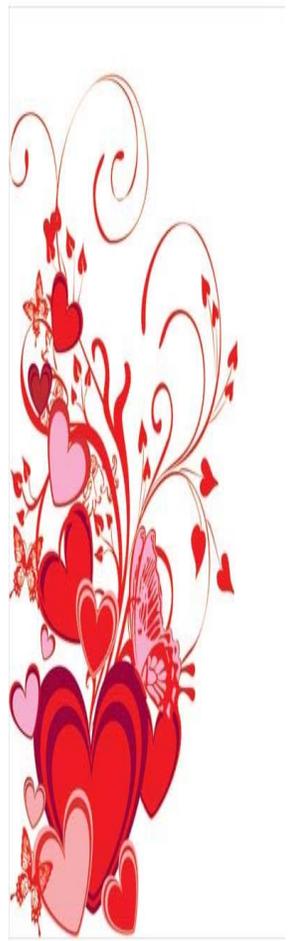
Comments : _____

Happy Valentine's Day

- Candle Light
- Cards
- Chocolate
- Cupid
- Date
- Dinner
- First Kiss
- Memories
- Movie
- Pink
- Poem
- Proposal
- Red
- Romance
- Roses
- St. Valentine
- Sweetarts
- Teddy Bear
- True Love



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Chicken Scratch NY



Special Raffle:

This months Special Raffle will be the display that Miguel will complete at our Meeting which will include Santa's Visiting Center! Bring your Cash!





January 23, 2015

Bob Obenland
7747 Via Grande
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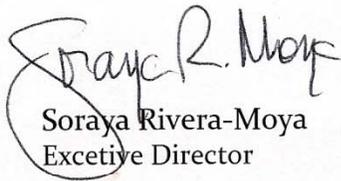
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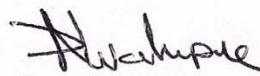
On behalf of the families and children of Ronald McDonald House Charities of South Florida, please except our deepest condolences at this difficult time. We are so sorry to hear of Chris' passing. She was an amazing person with a wonderful spirit. She will be missed by everyone at the Ronald McDonald House.

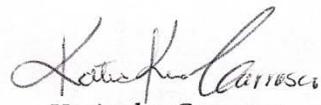
Chris really made an impact on our families as she brought holiday cheer to our families faces every year. Our families and staff our grateful for the mark that Chris has left at our house. Many lives have been blessed and changed by the holiday displays every year as they play songs of joy; our families are given hope that each season would be a better one.

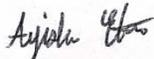
We would like to thank you Norm, for your wife Chris. Our lives are forever changed by Chris and her presence will never be forgotten.

Sincerely,


Soraya Rivera-Moya
Excetive Director


Flora Nwalupue
House Operations Director


Katuska Carrasco
Development Manager


Ayisha Etan
Administrative Assistant
Coordinator


Veronica Forte
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