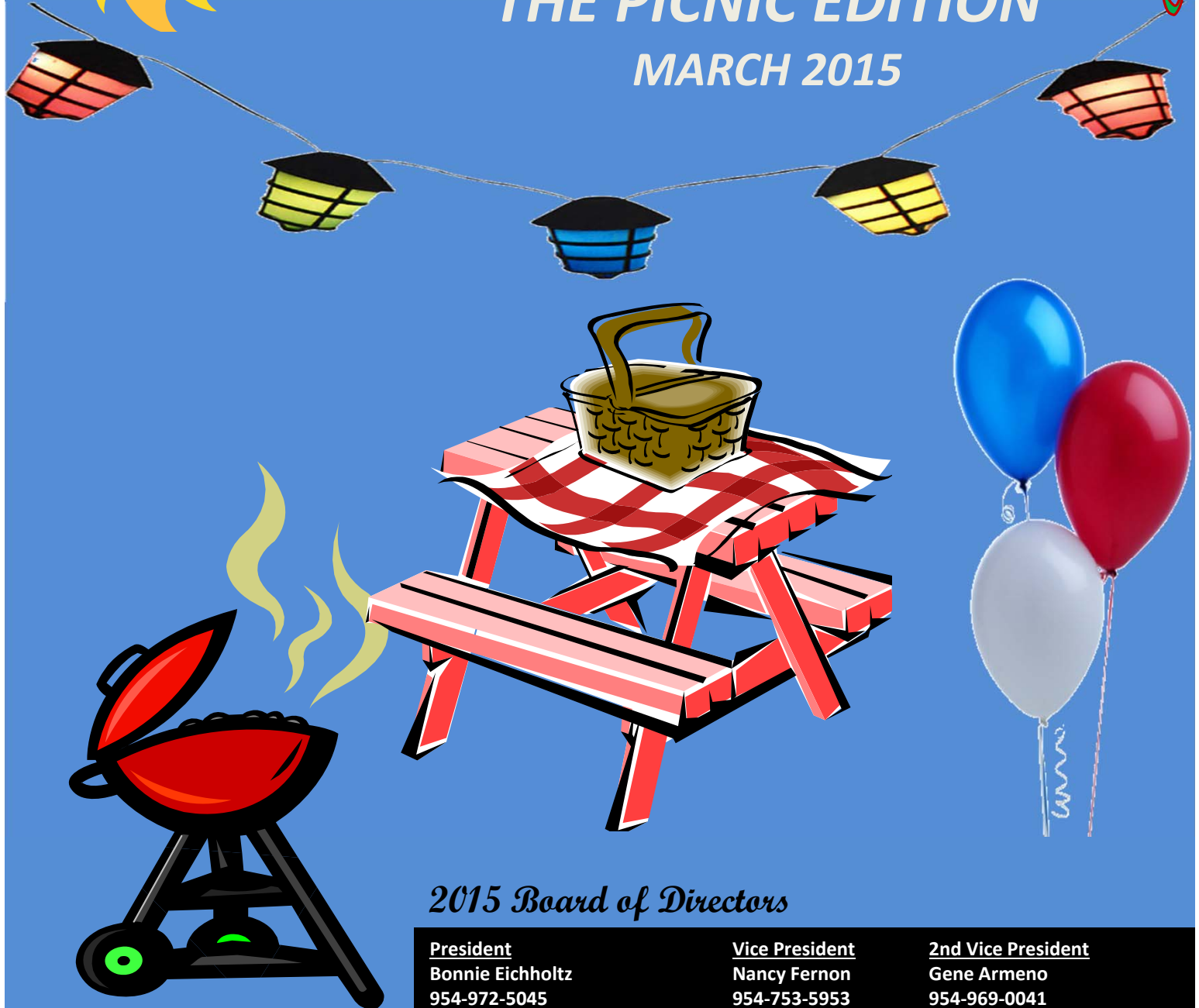


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## THE PICNIC EDITION

### MARCH 2015



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## *A message from Bonnie.....*

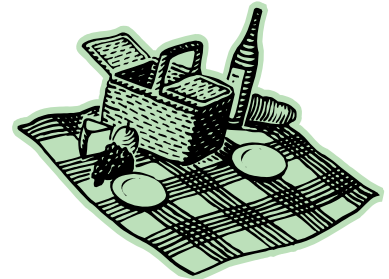
Hi Everyone,

We had a great February meeting with Miguel, from the Christmas Palace. His North Pole demonstration was terrific. He certainly displayed his talents and answered many questions. Speaking for all, it was a very lightning and enjoyable time.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at the Club Picnic on March 22nd. This is our 8th annual picnic. If any of you would like to attend and haven't signed up, just let me know as early as possible. Thank you!! We will have a very short meeting and then on with the fun, good food, games, prizes and most of all, good company.

Don't forget our April meeting, Jerry will be leading us in a "crystal tree" make n' take. Thank you, Jerry!!

See you at the picnic!!!



## *Catching up with Jerry!*

There is not much news for me to add to our March newsletter other than encourage you all to attend the picnic. Bonnie has put together another event that I am sure will be fun for all that attend. We will once again play those amazing games and eat too much food. Gene has big plans for us and I can't wait to see what he has come up with this year. I do want to thank Miguel for his efforts to show us how he builds some of his amazing displays at our February meeting. He makes it look so easy. Hoping to see you all at the picnic.



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## *Joe's Meeting Minutes.....*



**Village Landlords General Meeting February 22, 2015**

Board Members Present: Bonnie Eichholtz, Bob Obenland, Gene Armeno, Nancy Fernon, Jerry Fernon, Joe McPhillips, Roseann Abrams, Mike Abrams, Norm Barrett and Jonathon Stout. Bonnie Eichholtz called the meeting to order at 2:30pm.

Once again, Bonnie had to start the meeting with sad news. Our long time member, Gail Reynolds, has passed away after a long illness. Even when ill, Gail continued to attend meetings with her husband Mark, who is a past president of our club. We wish to extend our deepest condolences to Mark. Information about memorial services will be announced when available. Also on a sad note, the sister of member Pat Piccin has passed away on the same day as Gail. There were no new members at the meeting but we welcomed our guest, Miguel from Christmas Palace. Everyone was excited to have him here and see his demonstration.

**Secretary's Report:** The report was available in the newsletter and the reading of the report was waived. Peggy Mead made a correction concerning the date of the drawing for the quilt that Gloria Obenland had worked on. A motion to accept the report with correction was made by Charlie Heinsinger and seconded by George Shields. The motion was passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** The report was read by Bob Obenland. Bob stated we had sold \$65 worth of signed Ronald McDonald ornaments and that there were 6 left at \$5 each. The money would go to Ronald McDonald House. There were no questions or corrections. A motion to accept the report was made by Peggy Layton and seconded by Frank Cavanaugh. The motion was passed.

**Membership:** We are holding at 101 members. 2015 dues are payable, please see Bob Obenland if you have not yet paid. Currently 65 members have paid. Bob has badges for some of the new members.

**Prizes/Raffles:** Gene announced that an auction would be held for several very interesting items that had been found in Norm Barrett's warehouse. Norm also had some items for straight sale at 60% off the regular price. The special raffle today was the North Pole vignette that Miguel would create.

**Newsletter:** Bonnie did a big thank you with a round of applause to Roseann for her hard work and amazing newsletter.





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## *Joe's Meeting Minutes.....*

**Website:** The site is fully updated and running well. Jonathon would like to add a collector's corner where members could share the story of how they started collecting. If you would like to share your story, please contact Jonathon.

**Hospitality:** There will be no goodie sign-up sheet for next month due to the picnic. Bonnie Eichholtz, our new president, spoke about Chris Barrett and her dedication to the Village Landlords. Chris was an officer for many years serving in most every position. Chris was also a supporter of Ronald McDonald for many years. Bonnie said we would like to purchase a memorial brick at the house for \$100. Bonnie called for a vote on the memorial which was unanimously approved. Additionally, Victoria DeBonis has set up a website with the American Cancer Society where individuals can make a donation in Chris' name. An email was sent to all members with a link to follow.

**Swap and Sell:** Donna Swanson, one of our founding members, was here to sell some of her collection at some great prices. Jerry and Nancy have a list of Dickens pieces for sale. Gene will have a list of pieces at the picnic from Norm Barrett to sell. Anyone who has purchased pieces from Chris or Norm can pay Norm at the picnic. Jason and Brandon had jellies and jams for sale during the break.

**Picnic:** This year's annual picnic will be at Tree Tops Park in Davie starting at 12 noon. Bonnie asked for 3 volunteers to run the games. Mark Reynolds, Frank Cavanaugh and Jessica Spicer will be the games masters. Don't forget to bring your dish!

Jerry Fernon welcomed Miguel to the meeting and talked about the display he would be creating. In April, we will be making jeweled Christmas trees.

After the break, Miguel treated us to an amazing demonstration of Styrofoam carving using his box cutter and Christmas Palace hot knife. His best advice was to just "go with it". Don't have too much of a plan in mind, just start cutting pieces and carving and let your display take shape and grow.



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## Joe's Meeting Minutes.....

### Door Prizes

- Wood Pile
- Lemax Split Rail Fence
- 2 Sets Of Mini Lights
- Twinkling Lit Shrubs
- Picket Lane Wishing Well
- Village Double Street Lamps
- Limestone Topiaries
- Village Election Yard Sign
- Cobblestone Road
- SV Utility Accessories
- Tradition Book
- Christmas Diary

### Raffle Prizes

### Raffle Prizes

- NE Christmas Bazaar Woolens and Preserves
- Snowy Scotch Pines Set Of 3
- Sleigh and Eight Tiny Reindeer
- Winter Trimmings
- SV Blue Ribbon Baked Goods

### Mystery House

NE Captain's Cottage

### Special Raffle

NP Santa's Visiting Center Vignette by Miguel

### Auction

- D56 SV Wooden Tray
- Small Crayola Stool
- Large Candy Cane Stool
- Animated Snowman Skating Scene
- Snowman With Moose Ears
- Light Up Snowman
- D56 Plates

Josephine Armeno  
Jason Balog  
Peggy Layton  
BillSheilds  
Frank Cavanaugh  
Joe McPhillips  
Bill Sheilds  
Orlando Arroyo  
Donna Frezquez  
Roseann Abrams  
Nancy Fernon  
Gene Armeno

Orlando Arroyo  
Donna Frezquez  
Mike Abrams  
Roseann Abrams  
George Fells

George Fells

Jessica Spicer

Bob Obenland \$25  
Linda Bauer \$15  
Elizabeth Bron \$25  
Mei-Hua Paige \$25  
Bob Obenland \$5  
Joe McPhillips \$5  
Miguel \$5



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Bob Openland

It's Picnic time so bring your appetite. We have lots of prizes for all the fun games we have. We will also have a vinyette from Bonnie for a raffle so good luck. Bring your wish list and compare it to Norms list!

It's that 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 Picnic or mail your checks to me at:

Bob Obenland  
7747 Via Grande  
Boynton Beach, FL 33437

Hope to see you at the Picnic.

Bob



## Treasurers Report

Bank Balance Date  
Treasurer's Report  
Beginning Balance

**Actual**

**2015**

Feb

\$2,711.92

### Deposits

Advertising	\$0.00
Membership	\$240.00
Picnic	\$450.00
NCC Sales	\$0.00
Inventory Sales	\$50.00
Calendars	\$0.00
Special Raffle	\$143.00
Special Auction	\$0.00
Pin Sales	\$0.00
Donations	\$15.00
Raffle	\$92.00
<b>total deposits</b>	<b>\$990.00</b>

### Expenses

Bell South	\$0.00
Copies	\$0.00
Donations	\$0.00
meeting	\$0.00
NCC dues	\$0.00
Other	-\$13.96
Calendar	\$0.00
Picnic	\$0.00
Storage	\$0.00
WEBSITE	\$0.00
PO Box	\$0.00
raffle prizes	\$0.00
Refreshments	\$21.47
Pins	\$0.00
Shirt Sales	\$0.00
Shirts	\$0.00
Stamps	\$0.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$7.51</b>

Ending Balance

\$3,694.41

\$50.00

\$3,744.41



## *Remembering Chris*

### *Special Message from Victoria DeBonis*

Chris meant a lot to me. She was always so kind and caring. Always a diplomat - always inviting. I still can't fathom that she is no longer here. But knowing her, she would appreciate what I have done to keep her candle burning.

This year, I joined in volunteering with the American Cancer Society Relay for Life before I knew about Chris. I lost my father to cancer when I was 22 years old. He never got to walk me down the aisle like every girl wants on her wedding day. And he never got to see his grandbabies bouncing on his knee. He did express to me that he really wished they could find a cure for this deadly disease.

So now I am giving back - in addition to the other volunteer I am doing for this Lantana/Lake Worth Relay - I formed this Virtual Team in Honor of Chris Barrett and the Village Landlords.

Please help me light as many luminarias as we can around the track for the April 18th event. Your contributions to the American Cancer Society helps to fight the fight and find a cure.

Thanks in advance for your thought and contribution and keeping Chris' light alive!

A luminaria is such a simple thing — a lit bag glowing at night around our Relay For Life® track. But this bag means so much more. Some luminaria celebrate people who won their battle against cancer. Others commemorate the lives of those lost to this disease. Each represents a person who has been profoundly affected by cancer and the loved ones who continue to be touched by that experience.

Will you please help spread the light of hope and dedicate a luminaria to be lit at my Relay For Life event? Use the link at the bottom of this article to go to my personal page and then select "Luminaria" to honor or remember a loved one today.

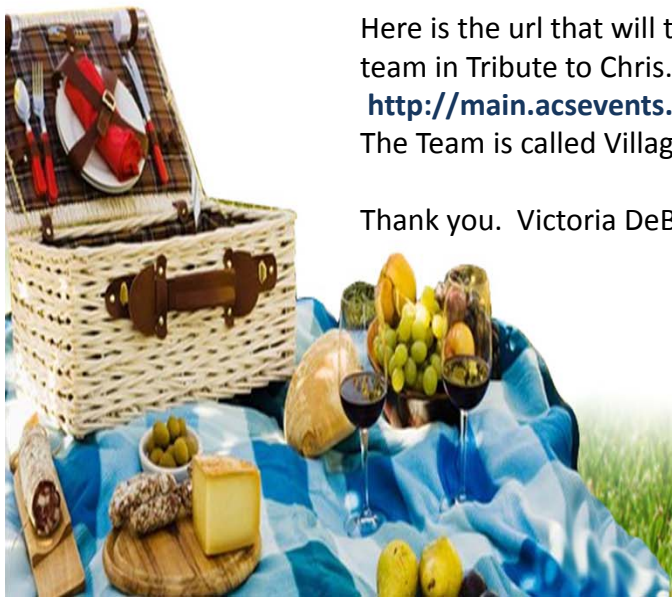
Your luminaria contribution will add more light toward a future without cancer and help the American Cancer Society save more lives, and finish the fight once and for all.

Here is the url that will take you directly to the page to donate to the Relay for Life team in Tribute to Chris.

<http://main.acsevents.org/goto/villagelandlords>

The Team is called Village Landlords - Chris Barrett Memorial

Thank you. Victoria DeBonis



# Mark Your Calendar

## MARCH

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

## MAY

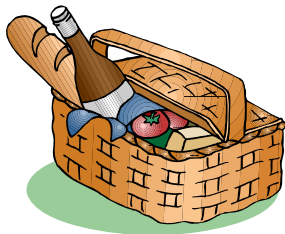
HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!



*From the Goodies Dept. with Mike!!!*

Remember to bring your side dish to our picnic!

See you all there, we will pass around a sign up sheet at the picnic for the April meeting.



## *Recipe of the Month*

We don't have one this month, but at the picnic, we will all be bringing in a home made side dish and showing off our cooking talents!

So at the picnic, we will pass around paper and everyone will write what recipe we would like to see in our newsletter for April.







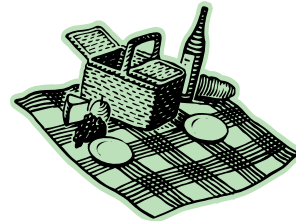
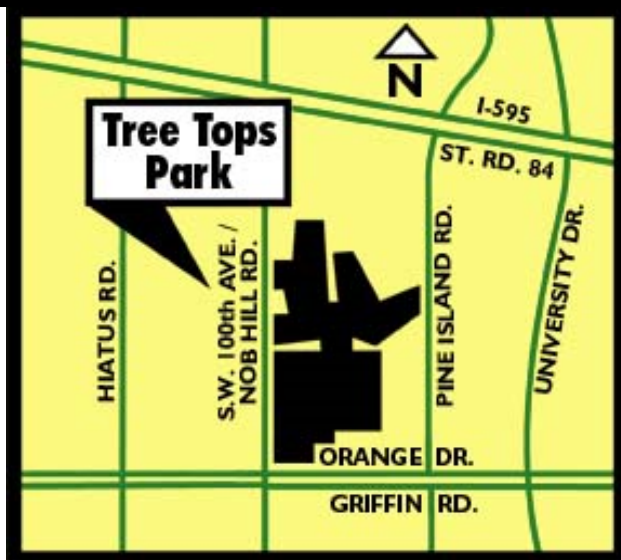
# OUR NEXT MEETING IS OUR PICNIC:



## 2015 VILLAGE LANDLORDS PICNIC

March 22, 2015 Tree Top Park @ 12 NOON

If you have not paid you can pay at the picnic.  
Remember to bring a side dish! 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.





### 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!  
(No Door prize tickets at the picnic!)***

### 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

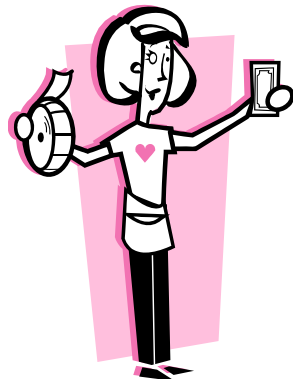
What activities would you be interested in seeing at the meetings?

☐ Display Techniques ☐ Guest Speakers ☐ Social Events ☐ Workshops  
☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Comments : \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



## 50/50 Raffle:

We will have a 50/50 at the picnic bring your cash!!

## Special Announcements:

- I am sorry there is no word search in this edition, we won't be having door prize tickets at the picnic, it will be back next month!
- Roseanns editors corner will return next month!
- **Norman will be bringing a list of Department 56 houses for sale at 50% off, you may find that one house you have been looking for!**
- Be sure to look it over and bring your green book if you have one!
- **If you would like to have a table set up at our APRIL meeting with Items for sale please contact Bonnie!**





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