



# THE VILLAGE PRESS

The Village Landlords Newsletter



October 2015

Our Next Meeting is Sunday October 25rd, 2:15pm  
Champions Hall, 6601 Blvd of Champions, North Lauderdale, 33068

## News from the President

Hi Everyone,

Thanks to Jerry Fernon, our Make n' Take was enjoyed by all at our September 27th meeting.

October is our Birthday month. The Club is 24 years old and we will be celebrating with a special cake. Also, co-founder and past President, Donna Swanson, will be addressing the Club on how she began collecting. She will also be selling some of her items. New member, Linda Failla, will have items for sale, as well.

You may want to begin thinking about our November 22nd meeting, when we hold our Toys 4 Tots and Grinch Exchange.



Bonnie Eichholtz

## Our Next Meeting

Hi everyone. The older you get, the more elusive time becomes. Here we are preparing for the October meeting. 67 days till Christmas. That is not many days to accomplish all we want to do with our villages. Some of us are still getting ready for Halloween! What to do, What to do. I do know that I am looking forward to seeing Donna Swanson, one of our founding members and listening to her reminisce about our beginnings. There is a possibility that Marion Kraft will be with us also. This meeting will also be our 24th anniversary. Again, time fly's. I will have a slide show of a train display with many D56 houses that is beyond description or at least describing it is beyond adequate. See you all on the 27th.



Jerry Fernon

### Your Village Landlord Current Board

**President**  
Bonnie Eichholtz  
954-972-5045

**Vice President**  
Nancy Fernon  
954-753-5953

**2nd Vice President**  
Gene Armeno  
954-969-0041

**Treasurer**  
Bob Obenland  
561-742-0450

**Secretary**  
Joe McPhillips  
561-218-9557

**Programs**  
Jerry Fernon  
954-753-5953

**Membership, Publicity**  
Victoria DeBonis  
954-295-9325

**Hospitality**  
Mary & Jessica Spicer  
954-732-6027

**Parliamentarian**  
Norman Barrett  
954-943-9682

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## Meeting Highlights from September

Village Landlords General Meeting September 27, 2015

Board Members Present: Bonnie Eichholtz, Nancy Fernon, Bob Obenland, Jonathon Stout, Jerry Fernon, Norm Barrett and Victoria DeBonis. Bonnie called the meeting to order at 2:35pm.



There were new members present, Linda Failla and her mother Stella. Linda collects Dickens and New England. Victor Chacon who found us at the Christmas Palace. Ada Rodgers collects dollhouses and trains.

Secretary's Report: Joe McPhillips was not present and a motion to waive the reading of the minutes was made by Donna Fresquez and seconded by Kathy Travernia. The motion was passed.

Treasurer's Report: The report was read by Bob Obenland. There were no corrections or questions. Bob also spoke about the memorial brick for Chris Barrett. A motion to accept the report was made by Joe LaMonica and seconded by Rae Campello. The motion passed.

Membership: Victoria reported that we have 89 paid members plus the two who joined today for a total of 91. Facebook is up to date with meeting notes, photos of upcoming projects, all membership comments and notes. Jerry has also been adding interesting content. Bob noted that people who have seen our site in other parts of the country have been inspired to join their local club.

Prizes/Raffles: The special raffle is The Cocoa Shop which was a limited edition of only 5600 pieces. This piece recently sold on Ebay for \$215.

Website/Newsletter: The site is up to date. Jonathan will be doing the newsletter temporarily.

Hospitality: Jessica passed around the sign-up sheet.

T-Shirts: Bob and Jerry will be visiting a store in Coral Springs to look at samples. There is also an online option we will explore. Nancy showed a t-shirt that people agreed would work.

Ronald McDonald House: The annual Christmas Fundraiser will be on Dec.5<sup>th</sup> from 6-9pm. We will be a sponsor this year and will sell the remainder of the signed ornaments we made last year. The club will put up our usual display in November.

Jerry explained about today's project and asked for ideas for future projects. He also spoke about a site called Dept. 56 Villages-Buy Sell Trade which is a great site to make connections.

Kathy Travernia had items for sale. Linda Failla has lists of items she has for sale.

Donna Fresquez is moving to Ormond Beach to be near family now that she has retired. Donna will continue to be a member.

Halloween Open Houses: Bonnie will be having her open house with hearse on Oct 24<sup>th</sup>. Robert and Sharon Cone will have an open house in Lakeland on Oct 17<sup>th</sup>.

At the next meeting, founding member Donna Swanson will talk about the origins of the club. She will also be here to celebrate our birthday with us.

### Door Prizes

1) Candy Cane Bench  
**Carrie**

2) The Old Tractor With  
Snow **Jessica**

3) Halloween Luminaries  
**Dan**

4) Twinkle Lit Scrubs  
**Donna**

5) NCC Lamplighter  
**Norm**

6) Classic Tinsel Trees Set  
of 3 **Bill**

7) Captain Black Bart's  
Ghost **Victor**

8) Just The Right Size  
**Ken**

9) Snowman Street  
Lights **Rae**

10) Gumdrop Park  
Straight Park  
**Gene**

### Raffle Prizes

1) Trick Or Treat Kids  
**Jerry**

2) Moose In The March  
**Norm**

3) Candy Cane Shack  
**Jessica**

4) Halloween Topiaries  
**Robert Carter**

5) Mainstreet Snowman  
**Gene**

6) Haunted Fun House  
**Robert Carter**

### Mystery House

Orly's Bell And Harness  
Shop  
**Victor C**

### Special Raffle

SV The Cocoa Shop  
Limited Edition  
**Donna F**

## *Halloween Open Houses - Let the haunts begin!*

### **Bonnie Eichholtz**

Bonnie Eichholtz will be hosting an open house on October 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm until: the last person leaves! Bonnie is famous for her Halloween displays and every year it gets bigger and better. If you like Halloween, this is the open house for you!



## *Things To Put On Your Calendar...*

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|----------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| <b>October 24th</b>  | — | Eichholtz Halloween Open House    |
| <b>October 25th</b>  | — | Village Landlords General Meeting |
| <b>November 2nd</b>  | — | Village Landlords Board Meeting   |
| <b>November 22nd</b> | — | Village Landlords General Meeting |
| <b>December 5th</b>  | — | Ronald McDonald Charity           |
| <b>December 12th</b> | — | Joe McPhillips Open House         |
| <b>January 4th</b>   | — | Village Landlords Board Meeting   |
| <b>January 24th</b>  | — | Village Landlords General Meeting |



## Financially Speaking...

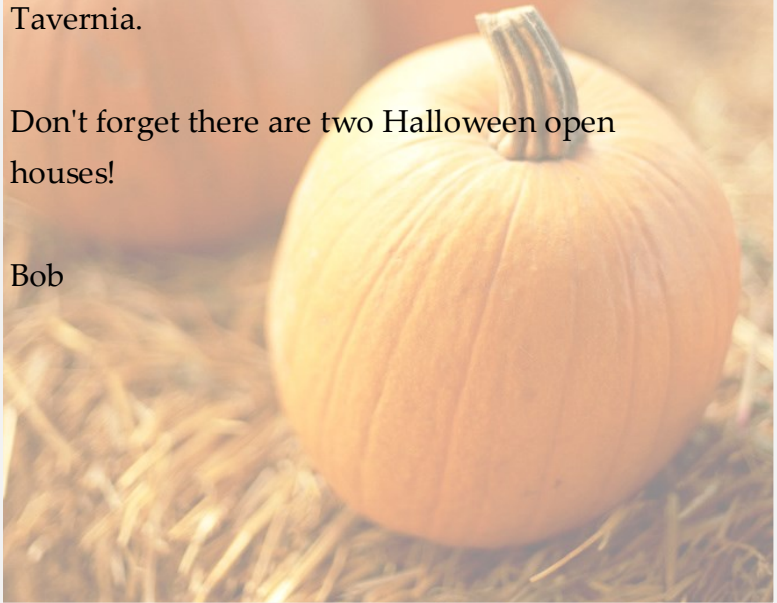
Bank Balance Date	<b>Actual</b>
Treasurer's Report	<b>2015</b>
Beginning Balance	Oct
	\$3,106.33
<b>Deposits</b>	
Advertising	\$0.00
Membership	\$85.00
Picnic	\$0.00
NCC Sales	\$0.00
Inventory Sales	\$0.00
Calendars	\$0.00
Special Raffle	\$58.00
Special Auction	\$100.00
Pin Sales	\$0.00
Donations	\$0.00
Raffle	\$80.00
<b>total deposits</b>	<b>\$323.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Bell South	\$0.00
Copies	\$0.00
Donations	\$0.00
meeting	\$88.55
NCC dues	\$0.00
Other	\$0.00
Calendar	\$0.00
Picnic	\$0.00
Storage	\$644.76
WEBSITE	\$0.00
PO Box	\$0.00
raffle prizes	\$0.00
Refreshments	\$25.49
Pins	\$0.00
Shirt Sales	\$0.00
Shirts	\$0.00
Stamps	\$0.00
<b>total expenses</b>	<b>\$758.80</b>
Ending Balance	<b>\$2,670.53</b>
	<b>\$50.00</b>
	<b>\$2,720.53</b>

It's getting time to start your village for this Christmas. Norm got a start when he won the special auction of a display by Miguel from the Christmas Palace donated by Kathy Tavernia.



Don't forget there are two Halloween open houses!

Bob



## From the Goodies Department

This month, we are bringing you the delicious recipe "Betty's Texas Sheet Cake". Maybe you had some at her open house in past years. If you did, you will want to clip this out and try it for yourself. Below are those who offered to bring snacks for this Sunday:

Eileen O'Conner & George Henderson

Rae Campello

Carrie Erdman

Michael & Orlando

Ken Moore & Frank Cavanaugh

Kathleen Kirouac



### Texas Sheet Cake from Betty Hargrave

Mix in bowl 2 cups of sugar, 2 cups of flour, ½ t of salt, 1 tea-spoon of soda. In separate bowl, mix 2 eggs, ½ cup of sour cream, 1 teaspoon of vanilla. In pan mix 2 sticks of oleo, 1 cup of water, 4 tablespoons of Nestle Quick. Mix flour mixture with chocolate mixture, then add egg mixture. Beat well. Pour into a greased jelly roll pan. Bake at 400 degrees for 20 minutes.

Frosting-1 stick of oleo or butter, 4 tablespoons Nestle Quick, 6 tablespoons of Pet Milk. Add 1 box of confectioner's sugar and 1 teaspoon of vanilla. Beat until smooth. Pour over hot cake. YUM!



# VILLAGE LANDLORDS      MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_

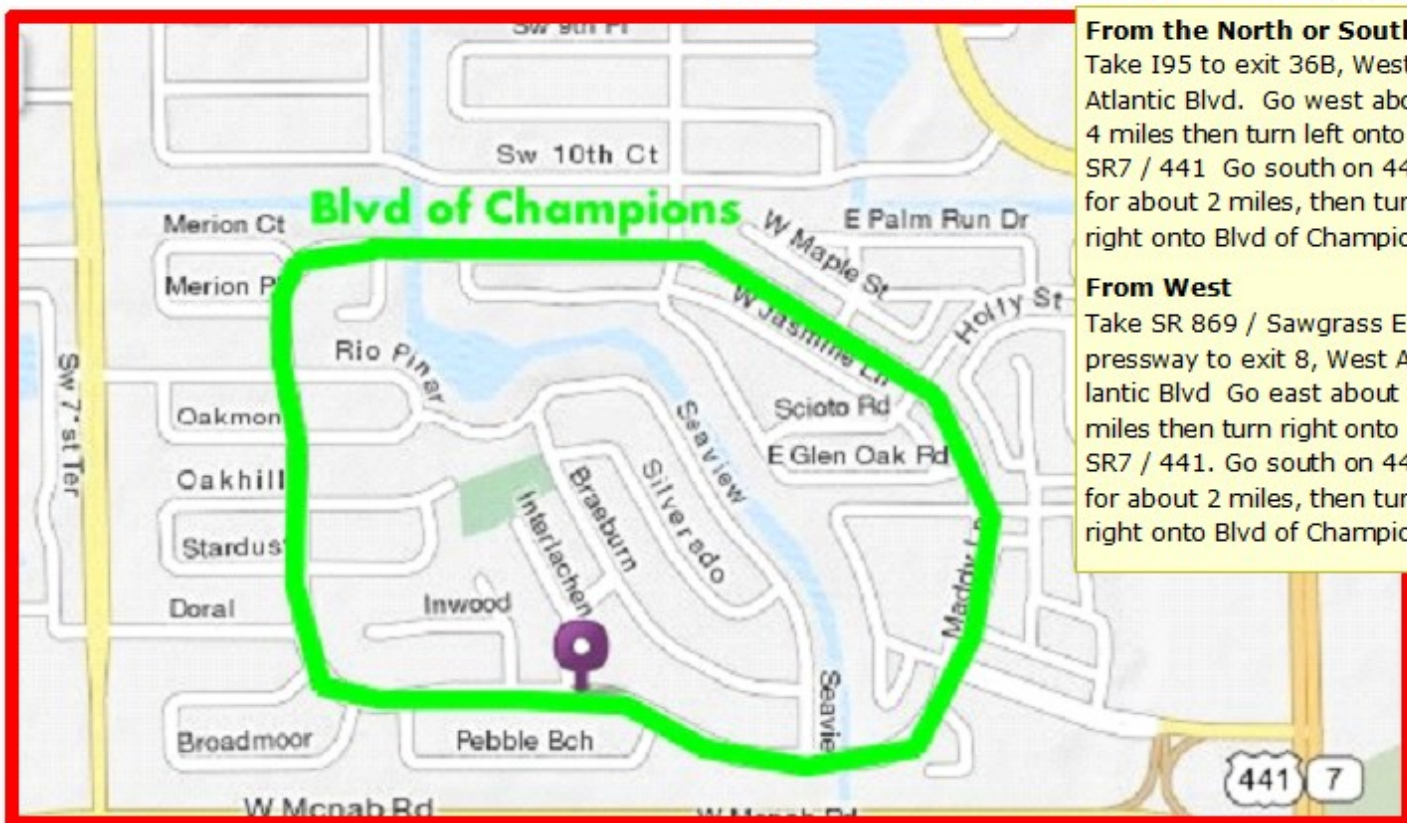
Comments \_\_\_\_\_

What do you collect?

- ☐ Dickens' Village
- ☐ Christmas in the City
- ☐ New England Village
- ☐ Snow Village
- ☐ North Pole
- ☐ Alpine Village
- ☐ Snowbabies
- ☐ Snowbunnies
- ☐ Winter Silhouette

[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