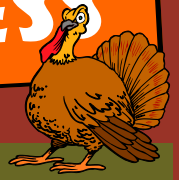




# THE VILLAGE PRESS

The Village Landlords Newsletter



Next Meeting is November 22th, 2:15pm City Hall Teen / Aquatic Center, 701 SW 71st Avenue, North Lauderdale, 33068

November 2015

## News From the President

by: Bonnie Eichholtz

It's our Grinch Exchange and Toys for Tots time. Remember, the Grinch Exchange requires a Brand New, wrapped gift valued at \$20. A raffle ticket will be given to each member participating.

you, Donna!!

I would like to extend a very grateful "Thank You" to our dedicated volunteers and to encourage others to volunteer. Volunteering

bers, making great friends in the process and there is a lot of fun to be had. I consider our club one big family, filled with great people and my only regret in joining it, is that I didn't join earlier. Also, it really isn't fair to expect the same people to volunteer year after year. So, if you are able, please consider volunteering in whatever way you can. Thank You!! It is much appreciated.

Our longtime and very faithful members, Donna and James Fesquez have retired and decided to relocate. While we are sad that they will be leaving us and we will miss them, we extend congratulations on their retirement and wish them the very best in their new home. Over the years, we got to see fantastic displays through their Halloween Open Houses. Hopefully, they will be able to visit us from time to time.



Toys 4 Tots requires a Brand New, unwrapped toy valued at \$10. A raffle ticket will be given for "each" toy that is valued at \$10. It's always lots of fun. Hope to see you all at our November 22nd meeting.

The club wishes to extend a "Big Thank You" to Donna Swanson and her husband, Don. They traveled from Port St Lucie to join us at our October 25th meeting. As you well know, Donna is a club co-founder and present member. She presented us with a very enjoyable presentation on the history of the club and how she got started with collecting Department 56. We are so pleased she and twelve others began our club and here we are "twenty four" years later and ninety eight members growing. Thank

doesn't necessarily mean a month to month commitment. There are many ways to do this: perhaps to help set-up and take down our meeting hall. If many help, each person would handle two or three chairs. The hospitality person could use help carrying items in or setting up the food tables. I'm sure Gene could use help carrying the door prizes, raffle prizes and other items into the hall. Then, there is always a position on the Board, which consists of President, Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Hospitality, Programs, Membership/ Facebook, Website and Parliamentarian. Volunteering reaps many benefits. You get to socialize with your fellow mem-





## Our Next Meeting

by: Jerry Fernon

Where does the time go? It's the "Toys for Tots" and the "Grinch Exchange" meeting once again. Aside from our March Picnic this has to be the most fun meeting of the year. You all have been very generous in the past in giving to the less fortunate children and I hope you will make this year no exception.

The "Grinch Exchange" is always fun and exciting with all of the antics provided by some of our members. I am remembering the number of times that special gift is exchanged back and forth because you all want it. What will it be this year? See you all on the 22nd of November.



### THE PRIZE CLOSET

#### Door Prizes

Snow Village Phone Booth

**Ken Moore**

Christmas Trees

**Jo Roth**

NCC Lamplighter

**Ada Rogers**

Southern Regional Palm Tree

**Jo Roth**

Happy Haunting

**Dottie Winzell**

Snowflake Light Poles

**Bob Obenland**

Lighted Street Blvd

**Rae Campello**

Classic Tinsel Trees

**Joan Heinsinger**

Gumdrop Road

**Carrie Erdman**

Autumn Trees

**George Shields**

#### Raffle Prizes

DV Thomas Mudge Timepieces

**Guenther Heil**

Lit Spooky Tree

**Kathleen Kirouac**

Haunted Outhouse

**George Shields**

Village Flea Market

**George Shields**

Kringle Street Town Tree

**Gisela Suarez**

Village Winter Trees

**Norm Barrett**

#### Mystery House

NE Drummond Bank

**Eileen O'Connor**

#### Special Raffle

Silver Bells Christmas Shop Gift Set

**Kathleen Kirouac**

## Upcoming Events



November 22nd, 2015—General Meeting, 2:15 pm

**Alternate Location: City Hall Aquatic Teen Center, 701 SW 71st Avenue, North Lauderdale, 33068**

December 5th, 2015—Ronald McDonald Gala, 6:00 pm

December 12th, 2015—Joe & Kathryn McPhillip's Open House, 7:00 pm

December 13th, 2015—Betty Hargrave's Open House, 7:00 pm

December 19th, 2015—Jerry & Nancy Fernon's Open House, 7:00 pm

December 20th, 2015—Bob Obenland's Open House, 7:00 pm

**The full Open House schedule will be published soon.**



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## October Meeting Highlights

by: Joe McPhillips

**Board Members Present:** Bonnie Eichholtz, Joe McPhillips, Norm Barrett, Jerry Fernon, Nancy Fernon, Jonathan Stout, Bob Obenland and Jessica Spicer.

Bonnie Eichholtz called the meeting to order at 2:35pm. Bonnie introduced new member Richard Freedland, who collects Dickens Village. Richard had pictures of a complete Dickens display that he has for sale. If you are interested please contact Richard. Guenther Heil is out of the hospital and back home, feeling much better. Mei Hua Paige's husband was taken to the hospital the day before the meeting and we wish him well with a speedy recovery.

**Secretary's Report:** The report had been published in the newsletter. There were no questions or corrections and a motion to accept the report was made by Bill Shields and seconded by Peggy Mead. The motion was passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** The report was read by Bob Obenland. There were no questions or corrections and a motion to accept the report was made by Rae Campello and seconded by Charlie Heinsinger. The motion was passed.

**Membership/Facebook:** Bob announced that we currently have 92 members which makes us the largest club in the country as well as one of the oldest. Next Sunday, Nov 1st, Christmas Palace is having a display building event starting at 1pm. We want to set up a table to promote the club and hopefully pick up more new members. If you are able to volunteer some time, please see Bob during the break. Jerry posted pictures on Facebook from the Cone's Halloween open house and will soon post the pictures from Bonnie's.

**Prizes/Raffles:** Nancy Fernon is filling in for Gene who is away on vacation. There are 15 door prizes for 10 winners to choose from. The special raffle is The Silver Bells Gift Shop Holiday Set.

**Newsletter:** Roseann has moved to New Jersey and Jonathan has stepped in to do the newsletter temporarily. We are in need of a volunteer to take over full time. Please see Jonathan if you can help.

**Hospitality:** As usual the sign-up board for snacks was passed around. Don't forget if you sign and bring a snack, you get an extra door prize ticket. Today we have a birthday cake to celebrate the club's 24th birth-

day.

**Ronal McDonald House:** We are a sponsor of their Christmas Holiday fundraiser this year. Once again we will be selling the ornaments we made last year after they are signed by Ronald himself. The party will be on Dec 5th from 6 to 9pm and tickets can be purchased online.

**Christmas Open Houses:** Joe and Kathy McPhillips Saturday Dec 12th 7pm until last person leaves. Betty Hargraves on Sunday Dec 13th. Jerry and Nancy Fernon on Saturday Dec 19th. Bob Obenland TBA. Norm Barrett TBA. Please schedule your open house ASAP; there are still plenty of open dates. Let's see if we can get enough to run into February again!!!!

**Picnic:** The picnic will be on March 20th which is the third Sunday in March to accommodate Easter which is the fourth Sunday.

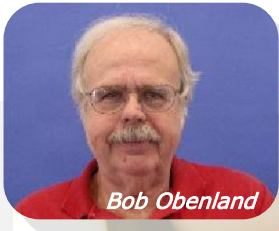
**November Meeting:** November will be our annual Toys For Tots and Grinch Exchange. The toys must be brand new and worth at least \$10 each and unwrapped. You will receive one raffle ticket for each toy you bring. The presents for the Grinch must also be brand new and worth at least \$20 and wrapped.

**Nominating Committee:** It is time to elect officers again. The positions up for election are President, 1st Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. If you have never been an officer, please consider running and getting more involved with the club. If you have been an officer in the past, it may be time to step up again. With the treasurer position changing, an audit will need to be done. The audit needs to be done by one board member and one general member. Eileen O'Connor has volunteered to be the general member.

After the break, Donna Swanson, former president and a founding member of the club spoke to us about the beginnings of the club and the adventures they had in the early days of collecting. Donna also brought many older items for sale. Following Donna was a slideshow presentation by Jerry Fernon on a fabulous train collection and display in Coral Springs. Jerry also showed pictures from the Cone's Halloween house.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 4:35pm by Norm Barrett and seconded by Ken Moore. The motion was passed.





Bob Obenland

## The Treasury Report

by: Bob Obenland

This year we are one of the sponsors of the Ronald McDonald house open house this December, Saturday, the 5th as voted by the club in the September meeting. Again we will be selling the ornaments we made and signed by Ronald. If you are interested in attending it is a \$30 donation. See me at the meeting.

Don't forget to sign up for an open house this year. It's lots of fun!

	Actual 2015 Nov
Bank Balance Date	
Treasurer's Report	
Beginning Balance	\$2,670.53
<b>Deposits</b>	
Advertising	\$0.00
Membership	\$145.00
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	\$129.00
<b>total deposits</b>	<b>\$274.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Bell South	\$0.00
Copies	\$0.00
Donations	\$0.00
meeting	\$0.00
NCC dues	\$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	\$64.89
Pins	\$0.00
Shirt Sales	\$0.00
Shirts	\$0.00
Stamps	\$0.00
<b>total expenses</b>	<b>\$64.89</b>
Ending Balance	\$2,879.64
	\$50.00
	<b>\$2,929.64</b>



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## Hospitality Helpers

by: Mary & Jessica Spicer

A big thank you to all those who brought "goodies" to the October meeting. Hope everyone enjoyed the "24th Anniversary Cake" supplied by the Club. Here is a list of people who volunteered to bring desserts/snacks to the November meeting:

Joan & Charlie Heinsinger

Carlos & Gisela Suarez

Tania Rogue

Kathleen Kirouac

Robert Carter

I have included a wonderful dessert for our upcoming holiday,. Enjoy and have a great THANKSGIVING!

### Spicy Pumpkin Cake with Chocolate Chunks

1pkg. (2 layer size) spice cake mix  
1 pkg. (8oz.) PHILADELPHIA Cream Cheese, softened, divided  
1 cup canned pumpkin  
1 tsp. ground cinnamon  
1/2 tsp. ground ginger  
6 squares BAKERS Semi-Sweet Choc., coarsely chopped or mini chips  
1/2 cup thawed COOL WHIP Whipped Topping  
2 Tbsp. sugar

Preheat oven to 350. Prepare cake mix as directed on package, reducing water to 1/2 cup and increasing oil to 1/2 cup.

Use half of the cream cheese, then add the pumpkin, cinnamon and ginger. Beat on medium speed until well blended. Stir in chopped chocolate or morsels.

Pour into greased 12 cup fluted tube pan or 10 inch tube pan.

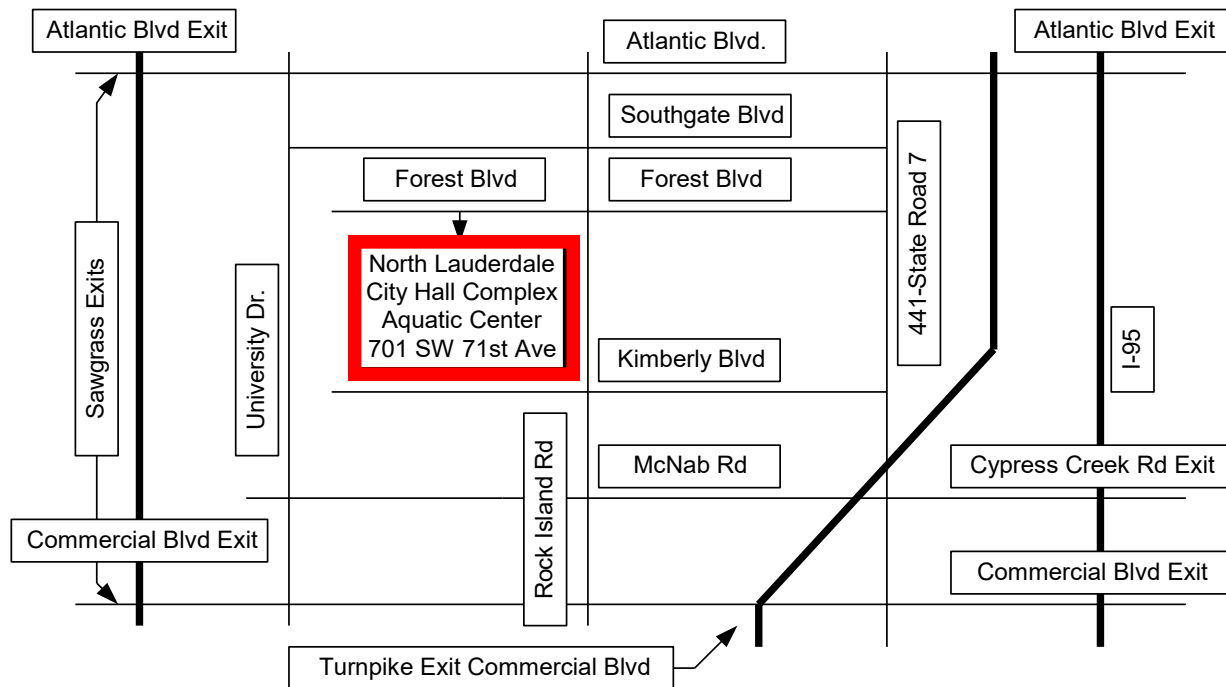
Bake 40 to 45 min. or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool 10 min. Remove from pan; cool completely on wire rack.

Mix remaining cream cheese, whipped topping and sugar until well blended. Spread on top of cooled caked. Cut into 16 slices to serve.



[Map to the NEW site for the Village Landlords Meeting Location](#)

**The Village Landlords**  
**P.O. Box 670093**  
**Coral Springs, FL 33067**



### 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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

### What do you collect?

- \_\_\_\_\_ Dickens' Village
- \_\_\_\_\_ Christmas in the City
- \_\_\_\_\_ New England Village
- \_\_\_\_\_ Snow Village
- \_\_\_\_\_ North Pole
- \_\_\_\_\_ Alpine Village
- \_\_\_\_\_ Snowbabies
- \_\_\_\_\_ Snowbunnies
- \_\_\_\_\_ Winter Silhouette
- \_\_\_\_\_ Little Town of Bethlehem
- \_\_\_\_\_ Seasons Bay

Other \_\_\_\_\_