

SEPTEMBER 2017

THE VILLAGE PRESS

The Village Landlord's Newsletter

IMPORTANT NOTICE: OUR NEXT
GENERAL MEETING HAS BEEN
CHANGED TO SEPTEMBER 17TH
at the Aquatic Center
701 SW 71 Avenue in
North Lauderdale



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Department 56 Weekend Fun Event



Come join the Village Landlords and the Treasure Coast 56ers for a weekend event with our co-sponsors Christmas Etc., Christmas Palace and Department 56. The fun will be the weekend of Saturday October 7th and Sunday October 8th.

Saturday, October 7th from 12 Noon to 4PM at Christmas Etc.

*360 Congress Ave
West Palm Beach, FL 33406
Just South of Southern Blvd
on Congress
561-805-7000*



Sunday, October 8th from 2PM to 6pm at Christmas Palace

*800 NE 13th Street
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33304
954-763-5352*



WHAT'S GOING TO BE GOING ON:

Get to meet Ms. Lit Town, Melinda Seegers, from Department 56

Meet Cathy Kramer, our Department 56 representative

50/50 raffle for the Ronald McDonald House.

Display demonstration with raffle on Sunday at Christmas Palace.

Raffles, door prizes, demonstrations, food and fun activities for all!! Winners of door prizes and raffles, other than the Ronald McDonald House Raffle, will need to be present to win.



The Village Press

September 2017



Hi Everyone,



Hope your summer was a good one and all of you are well and anxious to get back to another year of the Village Landlord's activities.

Joe LaMonica will kick off our September 17th meeting with a demonstration of some of his unique ideas we saw in his Open House display last December.

October is going to be a VERY BIG month for us. Events are happening October 7th and 8th at Christmas Etc. in West Palm Beach and Christmas Palace in Fort Lauderdale. Please see and read the Flyer in this newsletter. We are so pleased and excited to tell you that Ms. Lit Town, Melinda Seegers from Dept 56, will be attending these events. Please plan to come out, meet with Melinda, and enjoy a day of great happenings. I know you will not want to miss any of it. We will be discussing this in detail at our upcoming meeting.

Also, I'm planning to hold my Halloween Open House on October 14th at 7 p.m. until ????. Hope to see all of you there!!!

Early Notice: I would like to hold a Halloween Party, with costume and vignette prizes plus other thoughts I have, for our October 29th meeting. This would be to celebrate our Birthday Month and Halloween. I'm open to any other ideas you may have.

Thank you,

Bonnie Eichholtz





TREASURER'S REPORT

	Actual
Bank Balance Date	2017
Treasurer's Report	Sep
Beginning Balance	\$4,223.21
Deposits	
Advertising	\$0.00
Membership	\$45.00
Picnic	\$0.00
NCC Sales	\$0.00
Inventory Sales	\$52.00
Ronald McDonald display	\$693.00
Special Raffle	\$128.00
Special Auction	\$0.00
Pin Sales	\$0.00
Donations	\$0.00
Raffle	\$0.00
total deposits	\$918.00
Expenses	
Bell South	\$0.00
Copies	\$0.00
Donations	\$500.00
meeting	\$0.00
NCC dues	\$0.00
Other	\$60.00
Ronald McDonald display	\$0.00
Picnic	\$143.58
Storage	\$1,018.55
WEBSITE	\$0.00
PO Box	\$90.00
raffle prizes	\$174.99
Refreshments	\$17.50
Pins	\$0.00
Shirt Sales	\$0.00
Shirts	\$0.00
Stamps	\$0.00
total expenses	\$2,004.62
Ending Balance	\$3,136.59
	\$50.00
	\$3,186.59

Note that this months report reflects the sale of items at the meeting for the Ronald McDonald House display plus the money given for the restoration.

The \$1k storage cost represents moving to a new place that is more than twice the size and at a \$100-200 reduction in cost a year.

Come the weekend of October 7th and 8th to the Department 56 two day fun event in South Florida, sponsored by The Village Landlords, The Treasure Coast 56er's, Christmas Etc. and Christmas Palace. Game, prizes and meet Ms. Lit Town, Melinda Seegers. See the details on the flyer on page 2.

I hope to see you at the September meeting.

Bob



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Tree Tops Park Picnic — General Meeting Highlights

April 30th, 2017

Kathy Tavernia, Secretary



Board Members present:

Bonnie Eichholtz, Joe McPhillips, Bob Obenland, Gene Armeno, Norm Barrett, Jonathan Stout, Jessica Spicer, Mary Spicer, Gisela Suarez and Kathy Tavernia.



Bonnie Eichholtz called the meeting to order at 2:38 pm and welcomed returning members. She also mentioned to keep in our thoughts members Shelly and Chris who are ill, and Mark who passed away.

Secretary's Report: Bonnie asked if everyone got the Newsletter and read it. There were no questions. A motion to waive the reading and accept the report was made by Norm Barrett and seconded by Joe McPhillips. The motion carried.



Treasurer's Report: Bob Obenland read the report. The motion to accept the report was made by Norm Barrett and seconded by Jerry Fernon. The motion carried.

Membership: Jessica Spice stated that there were 78 members to date. There were many posts to our Facebook page. The Gathering in Phoenix is a June event. Bob will get the Snowman with Umbrella event pieces and tell us about the Department 56 new offering.



Prizes and Raffles: Gene spoke about the special raffle to benefit Ronald McDonald House display and other Door Prizes. We held the Auction and it was very successful.



Web: Thanks to our Web Master, Jonathan Stout, who keeps our site up-to-date.



Hospitality: The Board will furnish the goodies for the September meeting. Of course, members can also.

Other News: Joe spoke about the replacement cost of our display for Ronald McDonald House and members have already been generous. Thank you.

Swap & Sell: There are 2 slots open in September for the tables. Kathy Tavernia has signed up for October. Please email Kathy Tavernia if you wish to sign up.

Picnic Update: Our picnic was a great success. There were 41 people in attendance and a good time was had by all. Many thanks to everyone who brought the delicious food and to all our volunteers. See new date and details below.

New: The members voted on making a donation of \$500 to the Ronald McDonald House. The vote passes.



Upcoming Meetings:

September 17th: **NOTE DATE CHANGE.** The meeting will be at the Aquatic Center. Joe LaMonica will do a demonstration for our displays.

October 29th: **NOTE DATE CHANGE.** The meeting will be at the Aquatic Center.

March 18, 2018 Picnic: On the 3rd Sunday of March, we will hold our next picnic at the Sabal Palm pavilion in Tree Tops Park.

2018 Chicago Gathering

2019 Cincinnati Gathering



A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 5:30 pm by Nancy Fernon and seconded by Gisela Suarez. The motion carried.

RAFFLES AND PRIZES — APRIL 30TH, 2017

Door Prizes

1. Birch Tree
2. Lamppost, Set of 4
3. 2 Candy Cane Benches
4. Bright Lights Candy Canes
5. SV Cat and Dog
6. NP Toymaker Elves
7. Display Anywhere Adapter

Mary Spicer
Kathleen Kirouac
Nancy Fernon
Tania Rogue
Linda Bower
Kathleen Kirouac
Linda Knecht

8. The Holly and the Ivy
9. Under the NCC Umbrella
10. Village Lamppost and Sign
11. Pop Sign
12. Mark Twain

Gene Armeno
Bob Obenland
Mary Spicer
Bonnie Eichholtz
Bonnie Eichholtz

Raffle

1. North Pole Bike Shop
2. Wintergreen Pines
3. Stone Walls, set of 6
4. North Pole Gate
5. NCC Lamplighter

Gisela Suarez
Jessica Spicer
Mary Spicer
Norm Barrett
Gisela Suarez

Mystery House

Christmas Shop

Norm Barrett

Special Raffle

North Pole Nana Splits

Norm Barrett



25th Anniversary NCC Convention by Bob Obenland



Bonnie & Ron Eichholtz, Robert & Sharon Cone, Dorothy Winzell, Jeffery Kirchner and myself joined hundreds of other collectors from around the country at the 25th Anniversary NCC convention last June in Phoenix.

The festivities started with a Thursday bus tour of some of the local collectors home ending with a hamburger/margarita (non-alcoholic) party at Millie's Hallmark. The displays were massive covering all villages and lots of other Christmas items, see the attached pictures.

Due to the heat (118F) three of the five buses broke down and had to be replaced. I was lucky my bus broke down at one of the display homes with ice cream. Others were not as lucky.

The convention officially started on Friday with lots of seminars, silent auctions, a display contest, market place with lots of items to buy, a D56 table to meet Ms. Lit Town, Melinda Seegers, a meet and greet with D56 artists Tom Bates, Scott Enter, and Paul Lundberg, Make 'n Take and tons of prizes. Friday night there was a dinner followed by BINGO. The banquet was held on Saturday night with a live auction and Sunday breakfast was the awards and the Blues Brothers announcing the 2018 gathering in Chicago.

Malinda, during her presentations, showed some of the new items coming soon. One item is a new limited edition Winery in Snow Village. She also introduced the new D56 President Michael Griffith. Michael was with Enesco from 1996. He knows village as a collector of Christmas in the City that he displays during the holidays at The Reynolds Mansion a bed and breakfast he owns in North Carolina.

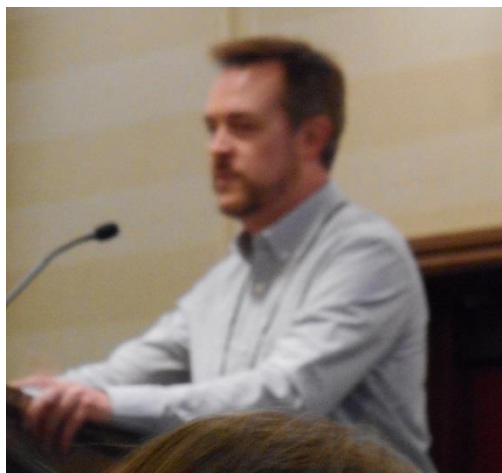
25th Anniversary NCC Convention by Bob Obenland (Cont'd)

He told us about the release of the numbered St Nicholas Church for the 30th Anniversary of Christmas in the City and a new program of some mid price houses that will be in the \$49-69. These will be resin and painted in the same process as the other villages.

All in all, everyone had a good time and they were able to raise some \$30k for their charity.

Think about making plans to go to Chicago in 2018, it will be a good time!

Bob Obenland



Michael Griffith



Display at Millie's





The Blues Brothers
announcing the 2018
Gathering in Chicago

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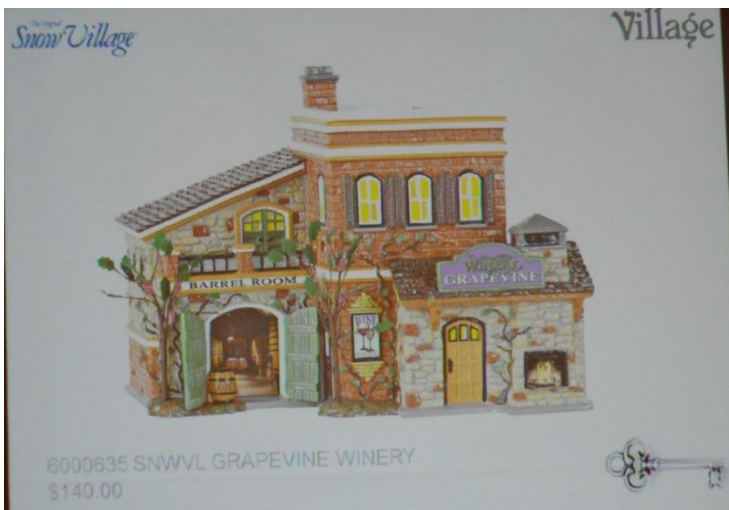
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St. Nicholas Church,
a numbered edition
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of Christmas in the
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Christmas in the City || 2017



New Limited Edition
Winery in Snow
Village



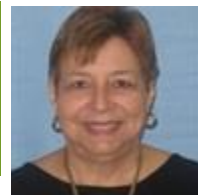


HOME
DISPLAYS



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A Note from the Editor...Gisela Suarez

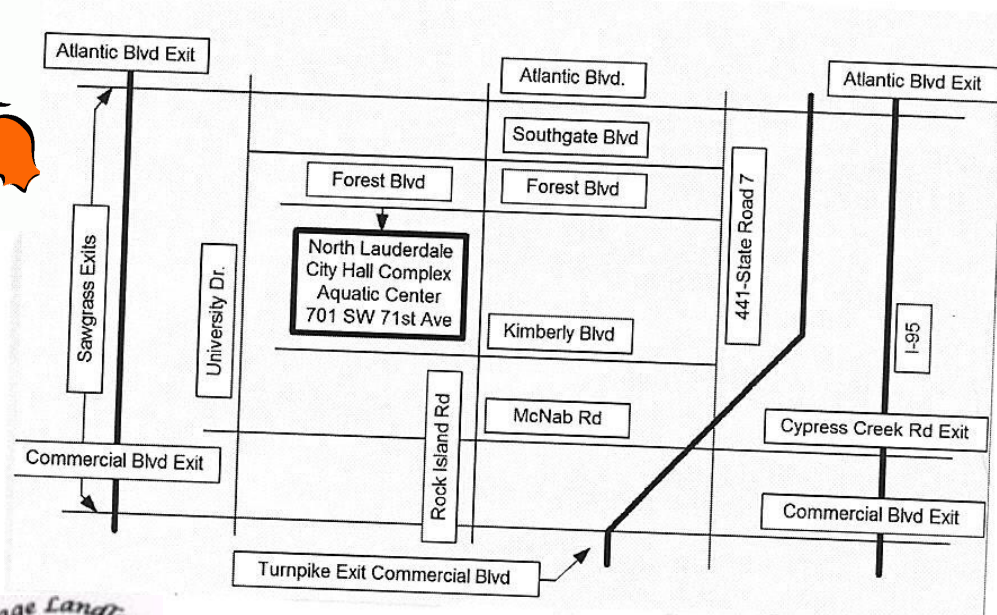


We are fast approaching the last quarter of 2017. While we do not see much of the Seasons changing in South Florida, I say welcome to the fresher air, the longer nights, the festivities of the Season and to our Club meetings! Enjoy the Season.



Snacks will be provided by the Board, however, you will get an extra raffle ticket for bringing goodies.

OUR NEXT MEETING IS SEPTEMBER 17TH, 2017 AT 2:15 PM AT:
City Hall Aquatic Center, 701 SW 71st Avenue, North Lauderdale



VILLAGE LANDLORDS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

DATE: ___/___/2017

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
- ☐ Little Town of Bethlehem
- ☐ Seasons Bay

Other: _____



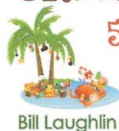
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