

# The Village Press

## October 2023

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**OUR NEXT MEETING OCTOBER 22<sup>ND</sup>, AT 2:15 PM**

**HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION, PRIZES AND SURPRISES**

**32<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of The Village Landlords**

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Hi Everyone,

September was a very sad month for our club. From the 11<sup>th</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup>, we lost three of our members. Please see this newsletter for information on Jerry Fernon's Celebration of Life and Norm Barrett's Memorial Service. Thank you!

On a much happier note, our member, George Fells, created a very enjoyable and enlightening demonstration on his remarkable talent of Styrofoam sculpturing at our September 24<sup>th</sup> meeting. It was amazing and his creations were included in our prizes. Thank you very much, George.

Our October 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting is "Bring A Friend" month again. We are very happy and pleased to inform you that our guest from last month's meeting decided to join our club. It is our 32<sup>nd</sup> Birthday/ and annual Halloween Party. We will hold a Costume and Vignette Contest, See newsletter for Vignette instructions. There will be prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place on both contests. Jessica will be conducting a Make n' Take on Mountains. It will be a fun-filled meeting.

Our November 19<sup>th</sup> meeting is our annual "Toys for Tots" Campaign and Grinch Exchange Event. The Grinch Exchange offers much fun and many laughs throughout the meeting. See this newsletter concerning instructions for both events. Thank you!

Kathy Tavernia, our secretary, is retiring at the end of her term in January. Jonathan Stout, our Webmaster, is with us until the end of



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December. Thank you very much Kathy and Jonathan for your dedication and a job well done. Sadly, in Norm's passing, we need a Parliamentarian. Would any one of you please consider any of these positions?

We have three Open Houses so far this year:

- (1) Halloween-October 14<sup>th</sup> at Peggy and Dan Layton's House 7pm until whenever
- (2) Halloween-October 21<sup>st</sup> at Bonnie and Ron Eichholtz's House 7pm until the Bewitching Hour
- (3) Holiday-December 8<sup>th</sup> at Joe and Diane LaMonica's House 6pm until 9pm

Please see addresses and phone numbers in this newsletter for Hosts of the Open Houses.

See you at our October Meeting,

**Bonnie Eichholtz**

## OBITUARIES



Join the family to celebrate the life of **Jerome "Jerry" Fernon** on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 1PM, Tamarac Moose Lodge, 6191 Rock Island Road, Tamarac, 33319. RSVP Brett Fernon by October 12 at 954-478-5741 or [Bfernon503@gmail.com](mailto:Bfernon503@gmail.com). In lieu of flowers, the family suggest donations to St Jude Children's Hospital in Memphis.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at the Kraeer Funeral Home Lawn and Memorial Gardens from 1pm to 4pm honoring **Norm Barrett**.. The location is 200 West Copans Rd in Pompano Beach, 33064, phone number, 954-784-4000.

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**TREASURER'S REPORT by Bob Obenland**



	Actual
Bank Balance Date	2023
Treasurer's Report	Oct
Beginning Balance	\$1,932.06
Deposits	
Advertising	\$0.00
Membership	\$40.00
Picnic	\$0.00
NCC Sales	\$0.00
Inventory Sales	\$0.00
Ronald McDonald display	\$0.00
Shirt Sales	\$0.00
other	\$0.00
Pin Sales	\$0.00
Donations	\$0.00
Raffle	\$115.00
total deposits	\$155.00
Expenses	
Bell South	\$0.00
Copies	\$0.00
Donations	\$0.00
meeting	\$69.26
NCC dues	\$0.00
Other	\$83.36
Ronald McDonald display	\$0.00
Picnic	\$0.00
Storage	\$0.00
#REF!	\$0.00
PO Box	\$0.00
raffle prizes	\$0.00
Refreshments	\$0.00
Pins	\$0.00
Shirt Sales	\$0.00
Shirts	\$0.00
Stamps	\$0.00
total expenses	\$152.62
Ending Balance	\$1,934.44
	\$50.00
	\$1,984.44

**Welcome back, but it is hard to believe that this month will be our 32nd year anniversary. I hope you can make to the meeting and have some of our cake.**

**The other charge on the treasure's report was to renew our do-name for 5 years.**

**Bob**





Board Members Present: Bonnie Eichholtz, Peggy Layton, Gene Armeno, Norm Barrett, Bob Obenland, Jessica Spicer, Frank Cavanaugh, Ken Moore, Jonathan Stout and Kathy Tavernia.

Bonnie called the meeting to order, welcomed Gene's guest, Pauline Adamski and all.

Bonnie told us of the sad news concerning the passing of Pete Gendron and Jerry Fernon. They were great club members and wonderful people and will be missed.

Secretary: All members present received their Newsletter except Bob Obenland. Gisela will be notified. There were no questions so the motion to accept the minutes was made by Joe LaMonica and seconded by Peggy Mead. The motion carried. Kathy also announced that she will be retiring from this position in December and asked that another club member take over the position.

Treasurer: Bob Obenland read the report. There were no questions so a motion to accept the report was made by Norm Barrett and seconded by Jessica Spicer. The motion carried.

Membership: Bob said there was 47 paid members.

Prizes and Raffles: Gene Armeno said there would be regular door prizes and special raffles.

Newsletter: Thanks, Gisela Suarez for a great newsletter and she welcomes all photos and/or stories.

Web: Jonathan Stout said the website is up to date. He reminded us of his retirement in December and asked for a volunteer to



take over this position. He also suggested that someone might have a child that could help being the Web Master. He reminded us that the members had voted to extend VillageLandlords.com until 2028.

**Swap & Sell:** There were 2 tables reserved for today. One of the tables will be for the Bring a Friend event that has been extended for another month. There are 3 tables reserved for October. Tables must be reserved via email only at [Ktavernia@aol.com](mailto:Ktavernia@aol.com)

Nancy Fernon and her sons brought some items that she felt Jerry would have liked us to have for our displays. We thanked her and her family for thinking of us at this difficult time.

**Hospitality:** Ken Moore and Frank Cavanaugh thanked the Board for their delicious donations and we appreciated their wonderful decorations.

## New Business

We all congratulated Norman Barrett on being nominated for the NCC Collector of the Year. Congratulations Norm!

Programs: George Fells did a Halloween-themed Styrofoam demonstration. He is a really talented guy and we learned quite a bit. We also held a Bring a Friend Day and Jessica had a table of goodies for them. We will extend it another month. In October Jessica's Make N' Take will be Mountains.

The Annual Picnic will be March 24, 2024 at Tree Tops Park. More details to come.

The meeting was adjourned.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

October 2<sup>nd</sup>: Board Meeting at Kathy Tavernia's house, 7:30 pm

Open Houses: October 15 and October 21. Please see more details below.

October 22<sup>nd</sup>: General Meeting, Birthday Cake/Halloween Party with Costume and Vignette Contests.

November 6<sup>th</sup>: Board Meeting at Bonnie's house, 7:30 pm

November 19<sup>th</sup>: General Meeting. Toys 4 Tots (\$10+ value, no wrap), Grinch Exchange (\$20+ value, new, seasonal, wrapped)

## **HALLOWEEN OPEN HOUSES**

**Peggy and Dan Layton: October 14<sup>th</sup> at 7PM.**

**421 Barbri Lane, Davie, FL Phone 954-476-1210.**

**Bonnie and Ron Eichholtz, October 21<sup>st</sup>, at 7PM**

**6708 Oakmont, North Lauderdale, FL 954-972-5045**

## **HALLOWEEN VIGNETTE CONTEST**

Show us your creativity and create a Halloween theme vignette. The base shall not measure more than 2ft X 2ft A maximum of two houses are allowed. Make it frightening or make it fun. There will be prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

## **BRING A FRIEND.**

We are again inviting members to bring a friend, or as many as you want, to our October meeting. We would like to share with them the fun and satisfaction club members enjoy. Friends will receive multiple prizes and the member will receive one extra raffle ticket for the door prizes raffle. One per friend.

# HALLOWEEN CUSTOMER CONTEST



Wearing a costume is voluntary for our Halloween Celebration, but we encourage you to participate in our Halloween Custom Contest with first, second and third prize winners. No rules, we leave it to your imagination but remember, apt for all ages.

## NOVEMBER MEETING



We are looking forward to our November meeting. There is plenty of laughs and fun, but it is also when we open our hearts to donate toys to Toys4Tots. So, start looking for toys sales and bring, an unwrapped new toy (or more) valued at \$10 or more. As a token of our appreciation, you will receive an extra raffle ticket for every toy that you bring meeting the description above.

We will also be conducting our Grinch Exchange. To participate, bring a new, gift wrapped, Seasonal item and place it on the table. You will be given a ticket to secure your participation and the order in which members will pick up a gift from the table. Only one gift per person. The item must be brand new and valued at no less than \$20 regardless of how much you paid for it. That will be your secret.



## CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSES

Joe and Dianne LaMonica have scheduled a Holiday Open House from 6 to 9PM on December 8<sup>th</sup>. Carlos and Gisela Suarez are also planning an Open House during the month of January 2024, date to be announced. We will have more details in our November Newsletter.



# Raffles and Prizes, September 24, 2023

## Door Prizes

1. Baker's Elves
2. Candy Canes from the Mayor
3. Christmas Pageant Dress Rehearsal
4. Creepy Village Sign
5. Halloween Hot Rod
6. Laundry Day
7. Red Christmas Sulky
8. Snowball Fun
9. Under the Umbrella
10. Village Spotlight & Replacement Bulbs
11. Village Trees (2)

Maureen Schankweiler  
Bob Schankweiler  
Chet Rosenbaum  
Dottie Winzell  
Jonathan Stout  
Maureen Schankweiler  
Joe LaMonica  
Norm Barrett  
Janice Prescod  
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George Fells

## Raffle Prizes

1. Creepy Creek Bridge
2. Haunted Hearse
3. Haunted Tower Tours
4. Marie's Doll Museum
5. Parkside Brownstone
6. Poultry Market
7. WSNO Radio Station



Peggy Layton  
Dottie Winzell  
Pat Lynes  
George Fells  
Peggy Mead  
Rosemary DeJesus  
Pauline Adamski

## Mystery House

NP Santa's Sweet Shop

Dottie Winzell

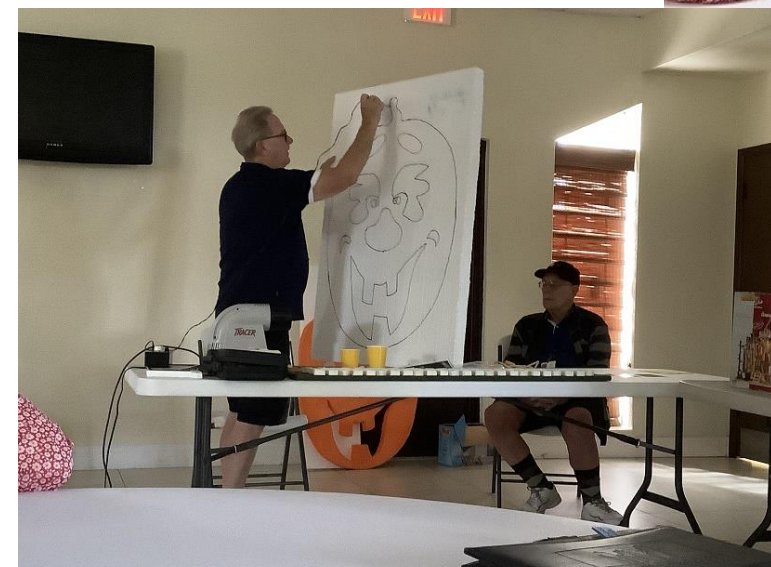
## Special Raffle

Witch Way Flight School  
Pumpkin Styrofoam by George Fells  
Trick or Treat Styrofoam by George Fells

Jessica Spicer  
Gene Armeno  
Dan Layton



# Images from our last meeting on September 24



Halloween Carving Presentation  
by George Fells



# MINI GATHERING

The NCC Secretary, Jeffery Kirchner, has informed us of an upcoming NCC Mini Gathering. It sounds like a lot of wonderful things in store for us. Please refer to the flyer below.



**NCC Virtual Gathering**  
**Lighting Our Way Home**  
**Saturday, October 14, 2023**  
**1-4 p.m. Eastern**

Join us for some exciting news leading  
upto Graceland and the Gift Gallery  
opening in November.  
Cost: \$15.00 per person  
Register at [www.ncc56.com](http://www.ncc56.com)

The title of this Gathering has two meanings. One it will lead us into November when the Enesco Gallery featuring Department 56 and Jim Shore will open in Memphis, TN, and second is the lighting part comes directly from a fellow collector's request at the DC Gathering with the GLOW that suggested a Virtual Gathering that involved lighting, and we agreed. Please plan to participate!!!



## SNACKS

The following members have kindly offered to bring snacks for our 31<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Festivities and Halloween Celebration.

Ken and Frank  
Valerie Williams  
Mimi Dickson  
Dianne and Chat

Jessica Spicer  
Janice  
Maureen and Bob  
Dorothy Winzell



**Directions to the Meeting on October 22nd, at 2:15 pm.**

**6601 Blvd of Champions, North Lauderdale, FLL 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**



# LOCAL DEALERS WITH DEPARTMENT 56 STOCK



200 E Sunrise Blvd.  
Ft. Lauderdale, FL  
33304  
Phone: 954-763-1403

9820 NW 77th  
Ave.  
Hialeah Gardens,  
FL 33016  
Phone: 305-558-  
5352



# VILLAGE LANDLORDS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

DATE: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/202\_\_\_

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 Robert Obenland and mail it to 7747 ViaGrande, Boynton Beach, FL, 33427.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_



1. What year did you start collecting?   h  

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 \_\_\_\_\_

If you marked other, specify:

\_\_\_\_\_

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

