

# THE VILLAGE PRESS

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*New Year*  
2024

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## Bonnie Eichholtz

Hi Everyone,

I hope all of you enjoyed a wonderful holiday season and a Merry Christmas. May your New Year be peaceful, happy and healthy!

Our first meeting of 2024 will be held on January 28<sup>th</sup>. We will have our annual slide show of any member's display and or decorations that they would like to share with the club. We always enjoy seeing the talents and creativity of our fellow members and gathering new ideas for our own displays. Anyone wishing to share their village and or decorations, please send your pictures to [jonathanrstout@gmail.com](mailto:jonathanrstout@gmail.com) or bring them to the meeting on a flash drive. Thank you.

Jessica, our programs director, will be doing a Make n' Take at our January meeting.

Please be reminded that we need a new Web Master and Secretary. Please consider filling one of these positions.

Our November 2023 Toys for Tots Campaign Meeting brought in 73 toys. Thank you to all who contributed. Our Grinch Exchange was as much fun as always. Thank you to Kathy and Nancy for conducting the two events.

Thank you to Joe and Dianne LaMonica and Bob Obenland for holding holiday open houses. The displays were awesome and the food delicious. Of course, socializing is always enjoyable. Gisela and Carlos Suarez's open house is this Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. It begins at 7pm.

Sign-up for the March 24<sup>th</sup> picnic will take place at the January and



February meetings along with sign -up-sheets for the dish you are planning to bring. There are only two months left until the the picnic.

See you all at the January Meeting!

Bonnie Eichholtz

**REMEMBER** to send your village/decoration pictures to Jonathan by email at [jonathanrstout@gmail.com](mailto:jonathanrstout@gmail.com) or bring them to the meeting on a flash drive. We would love to see it!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

January 13<sup>th</sup>: Bob Obenland's house, 7pm - ?

January 20<sup>th</sup>: Gisela and Carlos Suarez's house, 7-11 pm

Meetings:

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

January 28<sup>th</sup>: General Meeting

March 24<sup>th</sup>: Annual picnic at Tree Tops Park. More details to come.

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

**President:** Bonnie called the meeting to order at 2:35 pm and welcomed all.

**Secretary:** All members present received their Newsletter. There were no questions so the motion to accept the minutes was made by Peggy Layton and seconded by George Fells. 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. Thank you for your support and I look forward to all future meetings and events.

**Treasurer:** Bob Obenland read the report. There were no questions so a motion to accept the report was made by George Fells and seconded by Joe LaMonica. The motion carried.

**Membership:** Bob said there was 47 paid members.



**Prizes and Raffles:** Gene Armeno said there would be no regular door prizes or special raffles due to Toys 4 Tots (raffle) and the Grinch Exchange.

**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. We thanked him for all his hard work on running the club's site and maintenance.

There are 3 tables that can be reserved for each of January, February and April. Tables must be reserved via email only at [Ktavernia@aol.com](mailto:Ktavernia@aol.com)

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

New Business

Open Houses:

December 8<sup>th</sup>: Joe and Diane LaMonica's house, 6-9 pm  
2024

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The meeting was adjourned at 4:39 pm. Motion to adjourn by Jessica Spicer and seconded by Gisela Suarez. Motion carried.

**NOTE: Pictures from the January Open Houses will be posted in the February edition of The Village Press.**



## Raffles and Prizes

Due to the many activities conducted during this meeting, there were no door prizes or raffles. Those that contributed with toys for the Toys4Tots campaign, received a ticket for each toy. A raffle took place at the end of the meeting.



This is the meeting where we also remember those that are less fortunate than us, and club members collect toys to be donated to the Toys4Tots Campaign. This year we collected 73 toys. Thanks Nancy Fernon for organizing and managing the toy station and to all members who participated.



## PICNIC

Yes, it is almost time again to welcome Spring, with lots of fun, games, music and dance, friendship, and delicious food during our annual picnic that will take place, once more, at Tree Top Park on Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. It is still \$10 per person. Be prepared to sign in at the next two meetings and let our President know which side dish or dessert you will bring. SEE YOU THERE!







	<u>Actual</u>
Bank Balance Date	<u>2023</u>
Treasurer's Report	Nov.
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$1,934.44</b>

**Deposits**

Advertising	\$0.00
Membership	\$15.00
Picnic	\$0.00
NCC Sales	\$0.00
Inventory Sales	\$0.00
Ronald McDonald diplay	\$0.00
Shirt Sales	\$40.00
other	\$0.00
Pin Sales	\$0.00
Donations	\$0.00
Raffle	\$110.00
<b><u>Total deposits</u></b>	<b>\$165.00</b>

**Expenses**

Bell South	\$0.00
Copies	\$0.00
Donations	\$0.00
Meeting	\$52,.81
NCC dues	\$0.00
Other	\$0.00
Ronald McDonald display	\$0.00
Picnic	\$187.25
Storage	\$0.00
WEBSITE	\$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
<b><u>Total expenses</u></b>	<b>\$240.06</b>

<b><u>Ending Balance</u></b>	<b>\$1,859.38</b>
	<b>\$50.00</b>
	<b><u>\$1,909.38</u></b>

It's that time again to pay dues so you can pay at the January meeting or send it to:

Bob Obenland  
 7747 ViaGrande  
 Boynton Beach, FL 33437

Dues are \$15 for a single member and \$25 for a family. If you joined in Sept, Oct, Nov, or Dec of 2023 your 2024 dues are paid.

I hope to see you at the January meeting.

Bob



**The Grinch Exchange:** It took place at our November 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. As always, there were many laughs and stealing. Here are some of the images:



Rudolph was stolen several times





On December 8<sup>th</sup>, Joe and Diane LaMonica opened their home to the members of The Village Landlords. It was a beautiful night, full of charming decorations, good weather, exquisite edibles, and cordial conversation. Let the pictures tell the story.





Our Board of Directors Meeting took place at Gene Armeno's house this past January 8<sup>th</sup>. Gene had all the intention to conduct an Open House, but he had a very busy month of December and was unable to. Gene's home was Christmas all around. I was delightfully and genuinely surprised and wanted to share with all of you his beautiful exhibits and his array of Department 56 pieces. Enjoy!



# Directions to the Meeting on January 28th 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



**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



The following members have kindly offered to provide the snacks for the meeting on January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Chet and Diane Rosenbaum  
Jessica Spicer  
George and Bill

Frank and Ken  
Valorie Williams  
Joe La'Monica







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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 774 ViaGrande, Boynton Beach, FL, 33427.

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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