

THE VILLAGE PRESS

MARCH 2026



It's time for picnic. Celebrate with us on March 22nd at Noon at Tree Tops Park, 3900 SW 100 Avenue, Davie. Pay \$10.00 for the picnic and \$1.50 per person to enter the park. Games, prizes, music. See you there

Our next meeting is our Picnic. See you on March 22nd at Tree Top Park in Davie.

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| Newsletter | Gisela Suarez | 305-815-7420 |





Bonnie Eichholtz

Hello Everyone,

It's PICNIC Time!! Here we are again, our fun-filled Annual Picnic March 22nd starting at 12 noon. Great food, lots of fun, games, prizes and music, song and dance provided by our members, Dianne and Chet Rosenbaum. The club supplies fried chicken, spiral ham, rolls, drinks and all necessities. It's at the same Sabal Palm Pavilion. There is a \$1.50 gate fee to enter the park. Hope to see lots of you there.

If you haven't signed up, you may still attend the picnic The fee is \$10 and guests are welcome at the same fee. Just join us for all the fun!! Its always a great way of socializing with our Club Family and Friends. Thank you to all who are volunteering their time and talents to our picnic.

Next month, April 26th, is our last meeting for the spring/summer break Jessica has a program planned for the meeting. See you there!

Bonnie Eichholtz,



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TREASURER'S REPORT by Bob Obenland



| | 2026 |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| | February |
| Bank Balance Date | |
| Treasurer's Report | \$2,062.76 |
| Beginning Balance | |
| Deposits | \$0.00 |
| Advertising | \$95.00 |
| Membership | \$0.00 |
| Picnic | \$0.00 |
| NCC Sales | \$0.00 |
| Inventory Sales | \$0.00 |
| Ronald McDonald display | \$0.00 |
| auction | \$73.00 |
| other | \$0.00 |
| Pin Sales | \$0.00 |
| Donations | \$35.00 |
| Raffle | \$203.00 |
| total deposits | <hr/> |
| Expenses | \$0.00 |
| Bell South | \$0.00 |
| Copies | \$0.00 |
| Donations meeting | \$120.58 |
| NCC dues | \$0.00 |
| Other | \$0.00 |
| Ronald McDonald display | \$0.00 |
| Picnic | \$0.00 |
| 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 | \$120.58 |
| total expenses | <hr/> |
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| | \$2,145.18 |
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| Ending Balance | \$50.00 |
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| | \$2,195.18 |

It's that time again to pay dues so you can pay at the February 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 2025 your 2026 dues are paid. I hope to see you at the February meeting.
Bob





Board Members Present: Bonnie Eichholtz, Bob Obenland, Gene Armeno, Gisela Suarez, Jessica Spicer, Ken Moore and Frank Cavanaugh. **Secretary Report:** Peggy Layton - all received the report.

Treasurer's Report: Bob Obenland - Bob reported having \$2,145 in the Club account. Motion to accept report was made by Kathy Tavernia and Chet Rosenbaum.

Membership: Bob Obenland - Bob reported that we have 40 members - 12 of which have paid.

Prizes & Raffle: Gene Armeno - we had a Club Warehouse Sale and a regular raffle. Gene is going to need help on March 18th and 19th to transfer items from one storage unit to another. Any help would be appreciated.

Swap 'n' Sell: Kathy Tavernia - There are three tables open for April. If interested, contact Kathy at ktavernia@aol.com

Newsletter: Gisela Suarez - Waived - motion to have the Newsletter waived was made by Chet Rosenbaum and Kathy Tavernia.

Website: No news on the Website

Hospitality: Ken Moore and Frank Cavanaugh - they have their list for April and will give the names to Gisela.

Bring A Friend has now been incorporated into all meetings.

NEW BUSINESS

A big Thank You to Jessica Spicer for a really cute Make 'n' Take at our January General Meeting. We spoke about the future of our Club as Bob is leaving, and Gene is giving up his position. We need volunteers to take these positions for the future of our Club.

Dept. 56's 50th Anniversary Gathering - deadline is March 1st.
COTY - let Bonnie know of anyone you would like to nominate
- deadline is April 15th.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 2, 2026 - Board Meeting at Bonnie's house 7:30 pm
March 22, 2026 - General Meeting - Our Annual Picnic - sign up
sheets on the table. Volunteers are needed for running the
games.
April 6, 2026 - Board Meeting at Gene's house 7:30 pm
April 26, 2026 - General Meeting- Need program
September 7, 2026 - Board Meeting @ Peggy Layton's house
7:30 pm
September 27, 2026 - General Meeting - Need program

DOOR PRIZES 1. The Bird Seller - Valorie Williams 2.
Don't Break the Ornaments - Kathy Tavernia 3.
Lamplighter Accessory Set - Frank Cavanaugh 4.
Sitting in the North Pole - Bob Schankweiler 5.
Portobello Road Peddlers - Janice Prescod 6.
Windmill - Chet Rosenbaum 7. Under the NCC
Umbrella - Gisela Suarez 8. Coca Cola Bottle Cap
Ride - Jessica Spicer 9. Best Friends - Janice Prescod
10. To Keep the Doctor Away - Janice Prescod 11.
Traffic lights - Bob Schankweiler

RAFFLE PRIZES 1. Seton Morris Spice Merchant -
Gene Armeno 2. Nascar Cafe - Gene Armeno 3.
Lighted Christmas Pole - Janice Prescod 4. Gone
Fishing - Valorie Williams 5. Knotting Hill Church -
Gisela Suarez 6. North Pole General Store - Janice
Prescod 7. C. Bradford, Wheelwright & Son - Valorie
William

Club Activities

During our last meeting Jessica guided us to built a water tank.



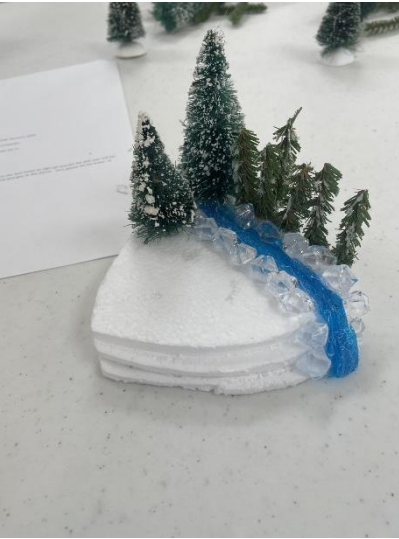
On December 17th, Bob Obenland opened his home to Club members and friends to admire his extensive decorations. Thanks Bob



On January 24th Nancy Fernon's Open House took place. It was an afternoon filled with laughs and good food. Thanks Nancy.



In our January meeting, Jessica surprised us with a tree scene with a river running between the trees. Here is the result.



Snacks for April's Meeting

Frank and Kenny
Bob Obenland
Bonnie
Janice

Chet Rosenbaum
Carlos and Gisela
Valerie

Department 56 - 2026 Gathering

The registration closed on February 28th but it seems like they will still allow late registrations. For more information call Bonnie Eichholtz (954) 972-5042 or at www.nccc56.com.



Directions to the Meeting on at 2:15 pm.

[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

Swap and Sell - There are 3 tables available for the April meeting. Email Kathy to reserve your table, Ktavernia@aol.com.



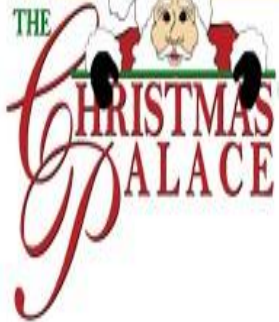
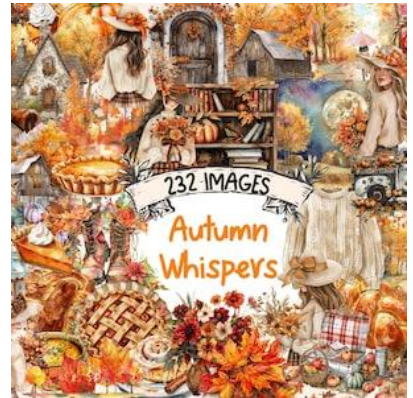
The Board will provide ham and fried chicken for the picnic and our members will provide side dishes. Call Bonnie if you have not signed up.

LOCAL DEALERS WITH DEPARTMENT 56 STOCK



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Ft. Lauderdale, FL
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Phone: 954-763-1403

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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 7747 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

