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September

Our next meeting is September 27 at 2:15 PM

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Bonnie Eichholtz

Hi Everyone,

Well, its back to our new year and I hope you had a peaceful and relaxing summer. Our first meeting is this Sunday, September 27th. I'm pleased to tell you that our Website is active once again, We want to extend a huge Thank You to our past member, Jonathan Stout for his many hours and talent in helping Ron Eichholtz become the new Webmaster. Thank you, Jonathan.

Our programs director, Jessica Spicer is out of town for this meeting, so we will be playing Bingo. There will be prizes!!As you see, we are continuing our Village Landlords. I'm hoping that any of you who are able to attend this first meeting will do so. We are considering some changes and your input is very important to me and the Board. Thank you and I hope to see you Sunday,

Bonnie Eichholtz





Welcome back. You can see in the Treasurer's report a \$190 charge. This is repayment of the 2026 dues since we were going to disband the club. Melinda Seegers (Miss Lit-town) was devastated when I told her about it at the Gathering. Since then, Bonnie and others worked hard to reverse the disband and keep the club going.

Those that I sent your 2026 dues back and cashed the check, you may repay your 2026 dues at the September meeting or send it to me at my new address:

Bob Obenland
189 Voltaire Dr. Springs
Hill, FL 34609

We hope you can come to the September meeting and discuss the future of the Club.

Bob



Treasurer's Report

Bank Balance Date	Actual
Treasurer's Report	2026
Beginning Balance	Apr
Deposits	\$2,781.04
Advertising	\$0.00
Membership	\$45.00
Picnic	\$0.00
NCC Sales	\$0.00
Inventory Sales	\$0.00
Ronald McDonald display	\$0.00
Shirt Sales	\$0.00
other	\$85.00
Pin Sales	\$0.00
Donations	\$0.00
Raffle	\$0.00
total	\$130.00
deposits	
Expenses	
Bell South	\$0.00
Copies	\$0.00
Donations	\$0.00
meeting	\$0.00
NCC dues	\$0.00
Other	\$190.00
Ronald McDonald display	\$0.00
Picnic	\$20.00
Storage	\$624.85
#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	\$834.85
expenses	
Ending Balance	\$2,076.19
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General Meeting Highlights from April 2026

By Peggy Layton - Secretary

Members Present: Bonnie Eichholtz, Gene Armeno, Gisela Suarez, Peggy Layton, Ken Moore, Frank Cavanaugh and Jessica Spicer.

Secretary Report: No report due to our yearly picnic.

Treasurer's Report: Bob reported having \$2781.04 in the Club account. Motion to accept report was made by Jessica Spicer and Pauline Adamski.

Membership: Bob Obenland - The club has 22 paid members.

Prizes & Raffles: Gene Armeno - we will have the usual door prizes and raffles.

Hospitality: Ken Moore & Frank Cavanaugh - they did a great job, as usual, decorating for Easter.

NEW BUSINESS March 22, 2026 - Annual expenses were \$364.25, income was 255.00, leaving us a picnic cost of \$109.25 because of low attendance.

Future of our Club Our next meeting will be June 14, 2026
Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Chet Rosenbaum & Pauline Adamski.

Meeting Highlights 4/26/26

Part 2 Door Prizes and Raffles

DOOR PRIZES

A good Days Catch - Janice Prescod
Chelsea Market Fish Monger - Gisela Suarez
Here comes the Birdie - Janice Prescod
Hking in the Woods - Bob Schankweller
More Play Doh Pllease - Gene Armeno
Mrs. Claus Perfect Poinsettias - Jessoca Spicer
Over the Threshold - Gisela Suarez
Portobello Road Peddlers - Gisela Suarez
Raising the Flag - Bob Schankweller
Snowy Evergreens - Pauline Adamski
Swinging Under the Oak Tree - Frank Cavanaugh

RAFFLE PRIZES

Bridge Over Icy Pond - Gisela Suarez
Candy Cane Peppermint Shop - Gene Armeno
Custom Stickers - Perry Layton
Gigg;eswick Mutton and Ham = Pauline Adamski
Surrley Manor - Pauline Adamski
Leacocck Poulteres - Gisela Suarez
Letters to Santa Sorting Station Jessica Spicer
Market Gate - Gisela Suarez
Men at Work - Gisela Suarez
Mr. Wickfield Solicitors - Gisela Suarez
North Pole Chapel - Gisela Suarez
Red Elf Diner - Jessica Spicer
Scrooge and Marly - Pauline Adamski
Wedding Bell Chapel - Pauline Adamski
Angels in the Snow - Janice Prescod
Fisherman's Nook - Pauline Adamski

UPCOMING EVENTS

Board Meeting September 8th Bonnie's house

General Meeting September 27 @ 2:15 pm

Board Meeting October 25th 1:15 PM

General Meeting, October 25th, 2:15 PM

Board Meeting, November 22nd, 1:15 PM

General Meeting, November 27th, 2:15 PM

We will be playing BINGO at our next meeting.

At the October meeting we will be celebrating
The 34th anniversary of the club and having our
Halloween party.



DEPARTMENT 56 MADE 50 YEARS

An article by Bob Obenland

2026 marks Department 56's 50th anniversary, and to celebrate, they held a special gathering in Memphis this May at Graceland. The gathering took place at The Guest House at Graceland, the hotel that opened in 2016.

In 2023, Department 56 also opened a museum and gallery across the street from the hotel. The museum houses the Village collections, along with hundreds—even thousands—of other Department 56 pieces representing the company's 50-year history.

Putting the museum together was a monumental undertaking. In addition to renovating an existing strip shopping center, they had the enormous task of locating, gathering, organizing, and displaying decades' worth of Department 56 products. The project began in early 2023, and the museum opened in the fall of that year.

One of the highlights of the 50th anniversary gathering was a tour of the museum. It was an incredible opportunity to see so much Department 56 history in one place.

Here are several pictures I took during the museum tour.

Bob



Directions to the Meeting on April 25th 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

