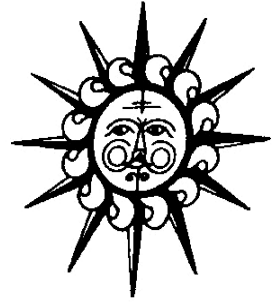
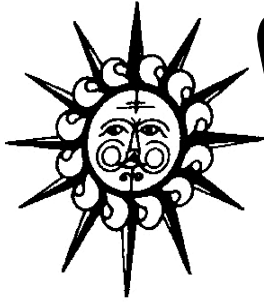


February 2019

# Village Voice



## A Message from Your HOA President

Welcome 2019

It's February and sunny in Florida while much of the rest of the country is enduring bitter cold and inclement weather. We are pretty lucky!

The holidays are behind us and Spring is around the corner. Before you know it, bathing suits, blankets and beaches will occupy our planning. But in the meantime, a couple of important to-do's should be high on your list. The first is joining or renewing your membership to the HOA. Why is that important you ask? Because it is the most effective way of ensuring your rights as homeowners in the SLCCV community are protected. The more members who are active, the more impact we have. The second important event is the election of officers to the HOA Board. This is important because these are the people who will represent you, if we believe rent increases are not justified, in advocating compliance with the prospectus, rules and regulations, or disagreements with the property manager. Last, the HOA meetings give you a forum to address concerns, provide suggestions, and receive a broad amount of information on community activities.

So, I hope one of your New Year's resolutions is to become more active in our community and do your part to improve our quality of life. We need people with management, organizational and computer skills, as well as folks who like to participate when someone else is leading the effort. The old axiom that "Many hands make light work" is particularly true for our community. I look forward to seeing you around the park!

*Steve Hogan*

President, SLCCV HOA

## From the Editor

Okay, now I can say I have been to the Fellsmere Frog Leg Festival! It was a cool, windy Sunday afternoon. We parked in the lot and took the shuttle to the center of town. It reminded me of the Firemen's Field Days up north. The midway, carnival games and food trucks were all there, as were lots of tents with various items for sale. We paid for two "frog pops", \$3.00 each, and turned in our tickets at the pickup tent. Sorry to say I was not impressed. I knew they would taste like chicken, but the size sure didn't reflect the price. But we did have a nice Sunday drive out to the country!

This one escaped!



Sometimes I feel like I'm beating a dead horse, but I'm going to do it anyway in the hope that new residents (and old) will get the message.

**PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE!**

Walk facing traffic, not with your back to it! Be honest. Did you teach your children, if you have any, to walk in the middle of the street or walk so they couldn't see the car that was going to hit them from behind? How about stepping onto the grass or a driveway until a vehicle goes past? If you like to walk when it's dark out, as I do, carry a flashlight! It's not so you can see the street. It's so a driver can see your light and avoid hitting you, especially if you are wearing dark or black clothing, which many walkers do. Consider buying something reflective to wear. We're never going to solve the problem of speeding vehicles. Speed bumps are not an option. Jumping in front of a speeding car is not an option. Throwing things at a speeding car is not an option. So let's all do our best to keep our own speed below 20 mph which our lease/prospectus says is the speed limit. Give yourself a few extra minutes to get where you're going.

## HOA REPORT OF BALLOT COMMITTEE

At the December 5th, 2018, HOA general member meeting, a vote was taken to determine the expenditure of funds for capital improvements here in SLCCV.

Of the total membership of 1,014 people, 154 were in attendance. The quorum level was met with 15% of members present.

Prop 1 Guest Pool Heater	Yes-123, No- 36
77% Approved	
Prop 2 Resident Pool Lift	Yes- 83, No- 76
52% Defeated	
Prop 3 LED Sign	Yes- 56, No-103
35% Defeated	

This vote required 2/3 approval of members voting to fund 50% of the estimated cost.

Ballot Committee Certification:  
Robert Cuddy, Judith Strouth, Donna Tarasek

(This information is also available on the SLCCV web site.)

## Free Seminar Sponsored by Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Neighbors Helping Neighbors is sponsoring a seminar presented by Attorney Marie Conforti on Friday, February 8th, from 2 – 4 pm in the auditorium. Marie Conforti is an Elder Care and Elder Law Attorney and her topics will include Wills and Living Trusts, Powers of Attorney and Living Wills, Estate Taxes, Medicaid, Probate and Special Needs Trusts. Marie Conforti gave a seminar here at SLCCV about two years ago and it was well attended. Please don't miss this opportunity to have all your questions answered by an experienced attorney who is very knowledgeable in the needs of our senior community. Hope to see you there.

\*Editor's Note: This is extremely important to protect not only you, but anyone in your family or circle of friends who may need to help you later in life.

## UPCOMING HOA EVENTS

Valentine's Dance - Saturday, February 16, 2019  
St. Patrick's Dance - Saturday, March 16, 2019  
Spring Dance - Sunday, April 14, 2019  
HOA Meeting - Wednesday, February 27, 2019  
HOA Meeting - Wednesday, March 27, 2019  
HOA Meeting - Wednesday, April 24, 2019



## COUNTRY CLUB VILLAGE PLAYERS

"Remembering Broadway", this year's Players Variety Show is scheduled for Saturday evening, Feb. 23, at 7PM and Sunday afternoon, Feb. 24, at 1PM. Tickets are \$5.00 and will be sold in the clubhouse card room from 8:30-9:30 on Feb. 11th, 12th, 18th and 19th. The Variety Show is always great fun. Remember to get your tickets!



**The Gospel Hour** performed by the Spanish Lakes Country Club Players was a huge success! Watch the weekly bulletin for the March date of the next Gospel Hour in March. If you would like to lend your voice, call Bill Hill, 330-883-3205, or Mary Kovacs, 464-5529.



## LOVE LETTER TO SLCCV

Dear Villagers,

This comes as a warm 'love letter' to recall my many happy years at SLCCV. They began back in 1989 and continued for 18 years. Then, in 2007, my husband Frank and I said farewell to your lovely village and headed out to California to be near our daughters. Thanks to your terrific website, we've printed out many editions of "The Village Voice" since then! It's been my sweet, little connection to those 'good old days' ...eighteen years of good friends and good times, in the Florida sunshine.

The Northern California wine country is pretty, but...oh how I miss hanging out with the old gang at the Canteen!! Cards and coffee and laughs... gabbing by the poolside... tennis, tennis, tennis... fun at the bocci courts... And all the clubs! Italian American, Polish American, Kazoo Band!! Dances, bingo, talent shows, bike-riding around Calle de Lagos, neighbors helping neighbors, breakfast at Hodges, drinks with the gals at The Patio, early-bird specials... I could go on and on. Truly, these are memories I deeply cherish.

So now as the snowbirds are back and the 'year-rounders' are ready for more fun, let me just remind you 'kids' that time flies. Even if you live to be 100, enjoy EACH DAY at the wonderful Spanish Lakes Country Club Village -- it really was a little bit of heaven.

Thanks for the memories,

Fay Monteleone

Mendocino County, California



## SLCCV VETERANS CLUB

The Veterans club wishes to thank all the residents in our community for the continued support given us in our endeavors to honor and aid veterans not only in our community but across the country. We will continue supporting the three charities from last year.

If there is one of these three charities you wish your donation to go to just note it on your check.

First charity, Fisher House, which provides food and lodging for families of veterans when a veteran is in a VA hospital. If you wish to donate airline or lodging miles please go to their website:

[fisherhouse.org](http://fisherhouse.org) or call 888-294-8560.

Second, Honor Flights, which provides transportation to Washington D.C. for veterans who wish to go. These veterans are overwhelmed by the support and honor they are shown.

Third, Wreaths Across America, which provides wreaths to be placed by volunteers at Christmas time in local cemeteries and cemeteries, including Arlington National Cemetery, around the country to honor our fallen comrades.

We were able to donate \$1000 dollars to each of these charities in 2018 thanks to our residents!

We are working on dates for our activities this year: Gambling trips and our annual Chicken Dinner. Stay tuned! We will post in the weekly bulletin when dates are set.

Please note: in the SLCCV Directory some of our Veterans Group names and phone numbers were left out. Should be as follows:

Secretary, Mitch Vitelli: ph 978-660-3325;

Treasurer, Gay Fazio: ph 772-460-1249;

Membership, Don Grove: ph 772-302-0084.

We invite all our veterans to come to our meetings on the second Wednesday of the month at 7pm.

## NEW SENIOR'S EXAM

submitted by Gerrie Purcell

New Senior's Exam, you only need 4 correct out of 10 questions to pass.

- 1) How long did the Hundred Years' War last?
- 2) Which country makes Panama hats?
- 3) From which animal do we get cat gut?
- 4) In which month do Russians celebrate the October Revolution?
- 5) What is a camel's hair brush made of?
- 6) The Canary Islands in the Pacific are named after what animal?
- 7) What was King George VI's first name?
- 8) What color is a purple finch?
- 9) Where are Chinese gooseberries from?
- 10) What is the color of the black box in a commercial airplane?

Remember, you need only 4 correct answers to pass. Check your answers on page 10.



## HOA MEMBERSHIP

2019 Memberships will be sold on Monday Mornings in the card room from 8:30 – 9:30, as well as the next Happy Hour on 2/15/19. You can always drop off your \$3 membership fee at the Rec Desk in an envelope with your name, address and phone number included. If you have recently submitted your dues and did not receive your membership card, please check the small box near the vending machines.

## VILLAGE CART

Calling all new residents! The Village Cart folks will meet and greet you on Sunday, February 10th, at noon in the clubhouse. This reception helps you meet your fellow newbies, and make new friends. If you can't make this one, watch the weekly bulletin for the next reception.

## Let's Have a Ball!

You had an opportunity to get all gussied up for New Year's Eve, but did you know that you can also put on your finest evening wear for the annual Tennis Ball? Every spring the SLCCV Tennis Club has a formal event with a dinner and dancing. This is a BYOB event. This year's date is Saturday, March 2, 2019. Tickets, \$25,00 per person, will be available in the card room on Mondays and Tuesdays for the first three weeks of February from 8:30-9:30am. Call Sue Grove, 319-389-5941, to reserve tickets starting January 1st.

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**NEWS FROM THE OFFICE OF  
CONGRESSMAN BRIAN MAST,  
U.S. DIST. 18, JANUARY 26, 2019**

The big news of the week was about the **Southern Storage Reservoir**:

R.D. James - the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, who oversees the Army Corps of Engineers - sent us a letter updating Congress on the status of the Southern Storage Reservoir project, and it had some good news in it that I'd like to share with you.

First, the Assistant Secretary has **ordered the Jacksonville District to begin a process called Preconstruction, Engineering and Design**. This is an absolutely critical next step in the construction process that I'm excited to say has begun and is being funded.

Additionally, he has **directed the Army Corps to enter into a Pre-Partnership Cost Agreement with the South Florida Water Management District within the next few months**. It's critical that this occurs ASAP so that we can get construction underway as soon as possible and the state of Florida gets that commitment from the federal government that they will have support on this project.

While I would have liked to get a more thorough and detailed report this week from the Army Corps, this is still positive progress that is being taken to get the reservoir underway.

**UPDATE ON "BRIGHTLINE"**

Digesting the past year of Brightline wrecks and deaths, the train's tentacles are reaching farther yet: They have found a way to fund their "private" rail conquest. Partnering with Sir Richard Branson and Virgin Group, they have at last found (dread-ability) credibility with an avenue to go public on the Nasdaq. This is what they've been waiting for - a savior to get them over the top.

To date, there have been 13 (and possibly one other) deaths. In my research, I have been saddened to learn that the general pedestrian public have been deceiving themselves in trying to beat the train across the track. It cannot be taken for granted that the train that is approaching is a chug-a-lug freight; it is a bullet train often at speeds that rival I-95.

With the recent partnership and rebranding to VIRGIN TRAINS USA (yes, trains - plural: NOTE TO SELF), the push to be more sophisticated and use rail is going to gain momentum.



Having a public offering means an huge infusion of private money. I was recently in attendance at the Shareholder's holiday party for Norwegian Cruise Lines Holdings, LTD in Miami. Their IPO garnered them multimillions of dollars to launch three mega cruise ships. each the size of the grand canyon.

One last mention: with the expansion of the Panama Canal, ports are being dredged to deeper depths than ever before to accommodate super ships bringing up to 19,000 containers. Those need to be transported. Global commerce is here. Greed in all its glory. And guess who is the biggest customer? CHINA.

(The author of this article is Debra Magrann, writer and journalist who has been following the train, from All Aboard Florida to Bright-Line to Virgin Trains.)

## Are you a "Seenager"?

**I JUST discovered my age group!**

**I am a Seenager (Senior teenager).**

**I have everything that I wanted as a teenager, only 50 -70 years later.**

**I don't have to go to school or work.**

**I get an allowance every month.**

**I have my own pad.**

**I don't have a curfew.**

**I have a driver's license and my own car.**

**I have ID that gets me into bars and the wine store! I like the wine store best.**

**The people I hang around with are not scared of getting pregnant, they aren't scared of anything, they have been blessed to live this long, why be scared?**

**And I don't have acne. Life is Good!**

**Also, you will feel much more intelligent after reading this if you are a Seenager.**

**Brains of older people are slow because they know so much. People do not decline mentally with age; it just takes them longer to recall facts because they have more information in their brains.**

**Scientists believe this also makes you hard of hearing as it puts pressure on your inner ear.**

**Also, older people often go to another room to get something and when they get there, they stand there wondering what they came for. It is NOT a memory problem; it is nature's way of making older people do more exercise.**

**SO THERE!!**



## PICKLE BALL CLUB

On Saturday, January 26th, the legendary pickleball coach, Coach Mo, put on a three-hour clinic on the SLCCV courts, teaching 30 residents.

Among the pickleball techniques demonstrated were basic strokes, playing a Soft Game, rather than banging the ball hard, best ball placement, and more.

Participants learned important strategies that will help take their game to the next level, including how to play and hit high percentage point shots, instead of misdirected power shots. Most importantly, players learned how to greatly reduce unforced errors by playing higher percentage positions.

At the end of the seminar, Coach Mo gave each participant a double DVD called Percentage Pickleball.

Many thanks to Coach Mo, the Pickleball Club members, and others who helped with coffee, donuts, setting up chairs, and more, to make this a very enjoyable and well-received event.

Submitted by Roland O'Brien

## 2019 Fitness Games

The 2019 Fitness Games have been full swing for a few weeks now, and it sounds like everyone is having a great time! The "After Party" is Sunday, February 10th, at 2pm in the clubhouse.

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**Community Observation Patrol News**

**CHRISTMAS LIGHTS CONTEST**

And the winners were! First Prize - Ted and Melinda Bruey, Second Prize - Frank and Pat Clymer, Third Prize –Germaine Bergeron. Judges, as always, are not SLCCV residents.

Businesses donating prizes for the Christmas Lights Contest were Waves Auto Wash, Velde Ford, Sutherlin Nissan, Vero Vista Auto, Steve Smith A/C, Sonny's BBQ, Loutinas, El Tapatio Mexican,. Wood 'n Spoon, City Center Tavern,. Plum Tree Chinese, Cracker Barrel, Ninos, Just Cuts, CVS, Dr Martinez, Jersey Mike's, gift card for Olive Garden donated by a resident, Safari Golf & Rx Global.

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**YOUR COURTS UP CLOSE**

Free Four Night Event, Tuesday Evenings, 6:30pm-8:30pm, February 19th & 26th, March 5th & 12th, St. Lucie County Courthouse, 218 South Second Street, Fort Pierce.

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Meet judges, attorneys and more. Have questions you want answered? This is for you. Seats are limited, call 772-807-4370 to reserve your spot.

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**CITIZENS ACADEMY**

There are still seats available in the upcoming Citizens Academy (March 13<sup>th</sup>-May 1<sup>st</sup>) here at the Sheriff's office. If you or anyone else you know are interested in attending please contact the Crime Prevention office at 772-871-5303. You do not have to be a C.O.P. Volunteer.



**C.O.P. News, cont'd**

Our 2019 fundraising drive began January 12th. So far we have received donations from 269 homeowners. You can deposit your envelope in the C.O.P. box at the clubhouse any time there is an assistant at the recreation desk.

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If you would like to be part of the C.O.P. team, contact Ellie. The next training class is scheduled for March. That leaves plenty of time to put in an application.



**Home Technology – Don Biscoe**

(donbiscoe@gmail.com / 772-501-3471)  
Most of us have embraced PCs, Smart Phones, and Tablets as a way of life. Many of us use these technologies willingly. Here we will attempt to enlighten you in simple terms about new technological goodies and topics you request.

**Brief BIO:** BS, U of MD, IT Systems Administrator - Indian River County, Quik-Tek Inc - Owner (ad in newsletter). **SLCCV Neighbor** – I moved to SLCCV in 2006 until 2012 moving to Holiday Pines, just across Turnpike Feeder Road.

**Topics** – I will discuss what's new and old; benefits and pitfalls as well as the issues you ask for. We'll discuss home entertainment – Smart-TV, Comcast VS ATT VS DISH; home safety and security – ADT (or similar), Ring Doorbell, and other video security; tablets – iPad VS Android, and much more. Ask and you may receive!

## HOA Meetings 2019

February 27: General Meeting

March 27: General Meeting

April 24: General Meeting

May 29: General Meeting



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: The choices we make today will make a difference for eternity.

# SPRING

## Submitting Articles for the Village Voice

The Village Voice would like to highlight your group if you have special programs or support charities in some way. If you have memories of SLCCV you would like to share with today's residents, we'd like to hear about them. Please call Kathleen O'Brien for the best way to submit an article.

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Missed the first one on January 12th, so here are the other five!

**Florida Soul:** 2pm, Feb 5th, Sunrise Theater Black Box, 117 S. Second St., Fort Pierce. John Capouya, plays classic R&B, and shares his research into this important musical history.

**Transparent Waters: The History and Significance of Florida's Springs:** 2pm, Feb 19th, A.E. Backus Museum, 500 N. Indian River Drive, Fort Pierce. Springs were and still are symbolic representations of natural Florida.

**Florida Transportation History: Planes, Trains & Automobiles (& Steamboats, too!):** 2pm, March 5th, Sunrise Theater Black Box. Transportation history and social history from the 1820's to issues facing Florida in the 21st century.

**Patrick Smith's Florida is a Land Remembered:** 2pm, March 19th, Sunrise Theater Black Box. Son, Rick Smith, discusses his late father's book.

**Alligators in Florida Culture:** 2pm, April 2nd, A.E. Backus Museum. There can't be a Florida without alligators!

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## ANSWERS TO THE QUIZ ON PAGE 4

- 1) 116 years
- 2) Ecuador
- 3) Sheep and Horses
- 4) November
- 5) Squirrel fur
- 6) Dogs
- 7) Albert
- 8) Crimson
- 9) New Zealand
- 10) Orange (of course)

What do you mean, you failed?  
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(And if you try to tell me you passed, you  
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In case you didn't know, or are too embarrassed to 'fess up, here are suggestions for getting rid of bacon grease:

- ◆ No matter what, first let it cool
- ◆ Pour it into a container and let it harden; re-use for cooking or throw in the trash
- ◆ Pour it into a foil-lined bowl, let it harden; fold the foil around the fat and throw in the trash

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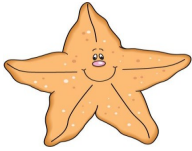
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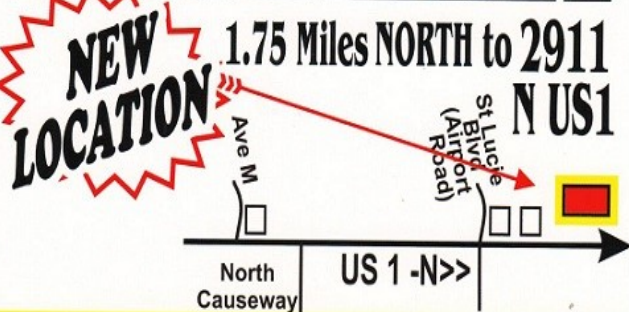
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