

February 2008



# TAMPA BAY 56ers BEACON

**Membership Meeting  
Sunday, February 17, 2008  
Clearwater Countryside Library  
1:30 PM**

**Come join us for our next meeting. We will have a demonstration by Mark and/or Patty Bourdon, who will show us how to paint the “floor” of a Christmas in the City display to look like a cobblestone sidewalk. You may have noticed the floor of their display - their display was in the garage and the house was a last minute addition to the tour of homes (see picture on page 5).**

**If you would like to bring a snack, please contact Kathy Dorsey at 727-869-7107. Remember the club no long provides soft drinks.**

**Be sure to wear your club shirt or your SSRG shirt for an extra prize drawing.**





## President's Message

By *Vern Schwieterman*

Amazing displays were enjoyed at the annual house tour. Even the weather cooperated. Great job by Roger Fournier for organizing the house tour. The added quiz gave folks an opportunity to study the displays more carefully.

Marlyn's finale at the St. Petersburg Beach Community Center was a splendid idea. Big thanks to her and her family for their involvement in organizing the tables, creating the centerpieces and decorating. Her catering chose was also great.

Thanks to all for helping at the Buc's games so we are able to have these special events.

Picnic plans will be discussed at the February meeting so come with ideas and be prepared to help on committees.



Membership dues are past due. If you have not paid by the February meeting, this will be your last newsletter. Remember a family membership is only \$30.00 and a single membership is \$20.00. Please send your dues to Denis Gillen, 101 Tanglewood Court, Safety Harbor, FL 34695





# Happy Birthday!

- 1/15 Carol Williams
- 2/20 Conrad Krause
- 2/28 Katherine Zeller
- 3/5 Jim Wittliff



If you would like to send a card to Sally Colangelo, who is still at home recovering well, her address is 2935 Sumner Way, Palm Harbor, FL 34684

Cindy Swinehart learned that Mr. Bellm had a massive stroke the end of August & has been in the hospital/rehab & may be coming home after the holidays. Some of the Tampa Bay 56ers had the opportunity to see Mr. Bellm's display a few years back when the club made the trek down to the Sarasota area. If you would like to send him a card., here is the address:

Walt Bellm  
312 Hernando Avenue  
Sarasota, FL 34243-2030



**Skip's**  
**Florist &**

**Christmas**  
H.O.U.S.E

**SKIP MASLOWSKI**

5324 Mile Stretch Dr. (727) 938-2274  
Holiday, FL 34690 (800) 938-9048

**Robert's**  
**Christmas**  
**Wonderland**

2951 Gulf to Bay Blvd. (Highway 60)  
Clearwater, Florida 33759

**(727) 797-1660**  
Out of Area Call: (800) 861-6389  
Fax (727) 799-2704

**January 2008 Tour of Homes**



Bill and Mary Ann Foelker  
Leslie and Sol Gully



# January 2008 Tour of Homes



Mark and Patty Bourdon  
Wolfgang and Deborah Paltian





## January 2008 Tour of Homes

Vern and Judy Schwieterman  
Jack and Marlyn King

Missing: A picture of our great  
tour coordinator, Roger Fournier .  
However, pictures of his display  
are on page 8.



Late Christmas Party after the Tour of Homes  
Complete with “reindeer”



Reading the “T’was  
the Night Before  
Christmas”



Tampa Bay 56ers Cake



And Lots of  
Presents!



Roger and Carol Fournier's display





SSRG checks for \$7,500 presented to the two charities





## NCC NEWS



**Randy Miller won the election for NCC President. All other officers remain the same.**

**Tampa Bay 56ers' entry in the NCC Anniversary Cake Contest was made by Katie Zeller (pictured below)**

**Unfortunately, our entry did not win. There were 47 cake entries and the cake submitted by the Village Collectors of Michigan won. Go to the NCC website to see all of the entries.**





**Tampa Bay 56ers attending the Christmas dinner show  
at Dixie Stampede  
and shopping at Hoopla Dept. 56 store in Orlando**



# TREASURER'S REPORT

Submitted by Denis Gillen

Balance Dec. 15, 2007  \$10,347.07

## INCOME

Membership dues	\$60.00	
Levy	\$2,400.00	
Merchandise	\$292.00	
House Tour	\$210.00	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$2,962.00</b>	<b>\$2,962.00</b>

## EXPENSES

check #			
396	Wal-Mart (secret Santa)	\$87.12	
397	Wal-Mart (secret Santa)	\$238.97	
398	Wal-Mart (secret Santa)	\$281.66	
399	Skips Florist (prizes)	\$131.05	
400	Marlyn King (tour refunds)	\$250.00	
401	Marlyn King (Embassy Limo)	\$11.00	
402	Vern Schwieterman (prizes)	\$350.71	
403	Vern Schwieterman (prizes)	\$234.39	
404	Joyce Gillen (Levy breakfast)	\$63.30	
405	Joyce Gillen (Levy breakfast)	\$111.50	
406	Joyce Gillen (Levy breakfast)	\$86.09	
407	Vern Schwieterman (SSRG prizes)	\$50.00	
408	Vern Schwieterman (gift certificates)	\$50.00	
409	Vern Schwieterman (prizes)	\$650.03	
410	Vern Schwieterman (gift certificates & prizes)	\$131.08	
411	Vern Schwieterman (gift certificates & prizes)	\$289.88	
412	Katherine Zeller (NCC cake)	\$25.00	
413	Joyce Gillen (Levy breakfast)	\$86.11	
414	Uncle Bob's storage	\$846.84	
415	Marlyn King (Boston Market)	\$828.18	
416	Marlyn King (Boca Ciega Hall Rental)	\$270.00	
417	Marlyn King (cake)	\$38.00	
418	Marlyn King (shrimp trays)	\$41.34	
419	Marlyn King (centerpieces)	\$160.83	
420	Roberts (raffle prize)	\$54.57	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$5,367.65</b>	<b><u>\$5,367.65</u></b>
Balance Feb. 15, 2008			<b><u>\$7,941.42</u></b>



## Tampa Bay 56ers would like to welcome new members:

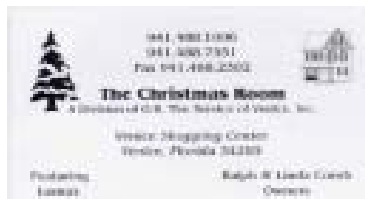
Ray & Agnes Mularoni  
12405 Kelly Place  
Thonotosassa, FL 33592  
813-986-3485  
E-mail: [agnes50@msn.com](mailto:agnes50@msn.com)  
They collect SV & Halloween



## Come join us for the Annual Spring Fling Picnic



March 9, 2008  
Phillipe Park in  
Safety Harbor



(more details in next newsletter)

**FLORIDA'S LARGEST  
TRAIN STORE**



**H&R TRAINS**



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



February 17 - Membership Meeting  
Sunday Clearwater Countryside Library

March 9 - Annual Picnic  
Sunday Phillipe Park  
Safety Harbor  
Daylight Saving Time Begins



## Tampa Bay 56ers 2006 Officers

President: Vern Schwieterman  
727-531-3112

1st Vice-President: Cindy Swinehart  
941-922-7419

2nd Vice President: Sally Colangelo  
727-784-5324

Secretary: Maryln King  
727-367-4226

Treasurer: Denis Gillen  
727-796-7606

NCC Rep: Bill Foelker  
813-657-8949

Director: Roger Fournier  
727-515-8008

Director: Roger Grieves  
727-581-8199

Past President: Joyce Gillen  
727-796-7606

### A Real Friend Test:

A simple friend, when visiting, acts like a guest. A real friend opens your refrigerator and helps himself.

A simple friend has never seen you cry. A real friend has shoulders soggy from your tears.

A simple friend doesn't know your parents' first names. A real friend has their phone numbers in his address book.

A simple friend brings a bottle of wine to your party. A real friend comes early to help you cook and stays late to help you clean.

A simple friend hates it when you call after he has gone to bed. A real friend asks you why you took so long to call.

A simple friend seeks to talk with you about your problems. A real friend seeks to help you with your problems.

A simple friend wonders about your romantic history. A real friend could blackmail you with it.

A simple friend thinks the friendship is over when you have an argument. A real friend calls you after you had a fight

A simple friend expects you to always be there for them. A real friend expects to always be there for you! Be a REAL Friend!