



July 2007

TAMPA BAY 56ers BEACON



**Membership Meeting
Sunday, July 15, 2007
1:30 PM**

Clearwater Countryside Library

Come join us for round table demonstrations. This will be a practice session for our demonstrators at the Suncoast Regional Gathering. We will have tree making by Carol Williams, pine cone trees by Diana Cortright, hat box displays by Cindy Swinehart, and others.

We will also be handling some projects in preparation of the SSRG, like stuffing and stamping envelopes, making auction bid placards, etc.

Since we are starting a new year for the club and board, we need new volunteers to chair committees or events like food coordinator, Anniversary Party, Christmas Party and the House Tour. With the recent resignation of Terri Williams, we also need a club secretary.

Don't forget to wear your club shirt and pin.





President's Message

By *Vern Schwieterman*

As the new president I would like to express my appreciation on the spectacular job Joyce has done for our club. She showed great leadership and we will miss that amusing accent that kept the meetings on track. Joyce also brought some new activities to the club such as wearing your club shirt which could win you a prize. In the spirit of Joyce, I would like to add another twist to the pot by also wearing your **name badge to get an extra raffle ticket.**

Just a reminder that this is **your** club and **your** input is valued. The board is open to all subjects. As a member your help is needed on committees or as chairman of a committee; ironically, there is always available positions for both. Remember all meetings are open to every club member so please attend. We will be looking forward to new demonstrations. If you have something you want to share or know of someone who may inspire us with their talent, please feel free to toss your hat into the ring.

My monthly joke. Something I found on line...

Travel to Heaven

This 85 year old couple, having been married almost 60 years, had died in a car crash. They had been in good health the last ten years mainly due to her interest in health food, and exercise.

When they reached the pearly gates, St. Peter took them to their mansion which was decked out with a beautiful kitchen and master bath suite and Jacuzzi. As they "oohed and aahed" the old man asked Peter how much all this was going to cost.

"It's free," Peter replied, "this is Heaven."

Next they went out back to survey the championship golf course that the home backed up to. They would have golfing privileges everyday and each week the course changed to a new one representing the great golf courses on earth.

The old man asked, "what are the green fees?"

Peter's reply, "This is heaven, you play for free."

Next they went to the club house and saw the lavish buffet lunch with the cuisine's of the world laid out.

"How much to eat?" asked the old man.

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President's Message - continued

"Don't you understand yet? This is heaven, it is free!" Peter replied with some exasperation.

"Well, where are the low fat and low cholesterol tables?" the old man asked timidly.

Peter lectured, "That's the best part...you can eat as much as you like of whatever you like and you never get fat and you never get sick. This is Heaven."

With that the old man went into a fit of anger, throwing down his hat and stomping on it, and shrieking wildly. Peter and his wife both tried to calm him down, asking him what was wrong.

The old man looked at his wife and said, "This is all your fault. If it weren't for your blasted bran muffins, I could have been here ten years ago!"



TREASURER'S REPORT

Submitted by Denis Gillen



Tampa Bay 56er's
Treasurer's Report June 13, 2007

Checking Account Balance May 13, 2007

\$800.22

Income

50/50	\$84.00	
Raffle	\$46.00	
Door	\$47.00	
Sale of shirts		\$32.00
NCC	\$145.00	

Total Income

\$354.00

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Expenditures



50/50	\$42.00	
March newsletter		\$24.14
April newsletter		\$25.68
Village D-lights (prize)		\$27.00
Printing (Foelker)		\$5.26
NCC	\$145.00	

Total Expenditures

\$269.08

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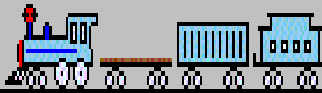
Checking Account Balance June 13, 2007

\$885.14



NCC 15th Anniversary

To celebrate the NCC 15th anniversary, they are having a cake decorating contest at the Suncoast Southern Regional Gathering. The NCC will provide \$25.00 towards the cost of the cake and will award \$100 for the best decorated cake. Any volunteers?



IT'S FOOTBALL SEASON!!!!

We have secured the contract with Levy Foods to sign in volunteer groups at the Buccaneers Games for another football season. The first game is August 10, 2007. We need a volunteer to coordinate and schedule members to work each game. We also need everyone to chip in and work at least two games. This is easy work that will make a significant amount of money for the club.



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Tampa Bay 56ers Meeting Minutes for May 20, 2007

Meeting was brought to order by Joyce Gillen, President, at 2:00 p.m.

Motion was made to approve the treasurer's report by Sharon Rhodes and seconded by Ellen Wilcox. It was passed by the membership.

Motion was made to approve the meeting minutes by Barbara Wallis and seconded by Ellen Wilcox. It was passed by the membership.

There were three entries submitted for a new banner design. Ballots were distributed for voting. Denis Gillen's entry won. He won a \$25.00 Gift Certificate from Robert's or Skip's.

There were nine entries submitted for a newsletter name. Ballots were distributed for voting. Denis Gillen's entry won. He won a one year subscription to Village D-Lights. Because he already subscribes to it, he gave it back and a game was played and Sharon Smith won the game so she will get a one year subscription to Village D-Lights. The new name will be Tampa Bay 56ers Beacon.

There will NOT be a June meeting due to Father's Day being on the same day.

Our condolences to Roger Fournier, whose father passed away, and to Ellen Wilcox whose mother passed.

If anyone wants a Tampa Bay 56ers shirt, please contact Terri Williams.

Elections were held for new officers. The new officers are as follows:

President - Vern Schwieterman

Vice President - Cindy Swinehart

Treasurer - Denis Gillen

Director - Roger Fournier

Motion to approve the above new Board for the June 2007-May 2008 year by Eileen Mullen and seconded by Bob Mullen. Passed by membership.

Denis, Joyce, Vern and Judy went to the Virginia Gathering. Denis and Vern gave a brief report.

The winnings from the Tampa Bay 56ers display at the Gathering will go to a charity. Carol Williams will do a club display. The club will reimburse her for her expenses. Ellen motioned that we give her \$125 and Nadine seconded the motion. It was approved by the membership.

The NCC has a new 'Snowflake Snow woman available for \$10.00. Jack's Umbrella Shop is also available. If anyone is interested, contact Bill Foelker for an order form.

Department 56 hosts a trip to their Minneapolis headquarters every year. There will be a drawing by NCC at the Gathering.

The winner of the Shirt Drawing was Linda Grieves. She won a wrought iron fence for her Village.

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Minutes of May meeting - continued

50/50 Raffle winner was Denis Gillen. He won \$43.00.

Building Raffle – Sharon Rhodes won
W. Bartell Physician

Door Prize winners:

- Eileen Mullen – The Sailor’s Knot
- Lorraine Crowley – Welcome to Nettie’s B&B
- Barbara Wallis – Bring the Irish Cheer
- Diana Cortright – Board Game Fun
- Denis Gillen – Last Mail Call of Day
- Sharon Rhodes – A Christmas Carol Visit

Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Submitted by Terri Williams, Secretary





Happy Birthday!

6/6	Joyce	Gillen
6/15	Sharon	Rhodes
6/17	Roger	Grieves
7/1	Robert	Mullen
7/2	George	Zeller
7/7	Nadine	Carey
7/17	Alice	Burak
7/18	Kathy	Dorsey



Is Your Birthday Missing? Please let Ellen know when it is.



SSRG Aug 23 - 26, 2007



Have you registered yet?

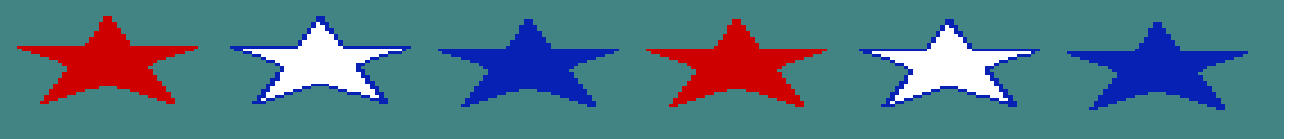
The hotel is sold out, but a second hotel has been selected.

The house tour is up to three buses, with only a few seats available.

Do you have a display ready for the contest?

Are you willing to volunteer during the

Gathering.? Contact Ellen Wilcox to sign up.



CHRISTMAS IN JULY SALE JULY 7TH - 14TH

50% OFF ALL CHRISTMAS MERCHANDISE

20% OFF ALL GENERAL GIFTS

Current Dept. 56 excluded from sale.

Hours for Sale Week: Mon-Fir 9 - 5, Saturday 9 - 3

Sunday 10 - 4



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- July 15 - Membership Meeting
Sunday 1:30 PM
Clearwater/Countryside Library
Clearwater, FL

- July 5 - SSRG Meeting
Sunday Safety Harbor Library

- August 23 - Suncoast Southern Regional Gathering
to 26 Hilton Resort
Clearwater Beach, FL

**Tampa Bay 56ers
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Director: Roger Grieves
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