

June 2008

TAMPA BAY 56ers BEACON



**Membership Meeting
Sunday, June 22, 2008
Clearwater Countryside Library
1:30 PM**

Come join us for our next meeting. Our new vice-president, Marlyn King, will be running the meeting.



Join us for games and fun.

If you would like to bring a snack, please contact Marlyn King at 727-692-6562 or 727-367-4226. Marlyn plans to buy cold sandwiches from Publix. Remember the club no longer provides soft drinks.

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





President's Message

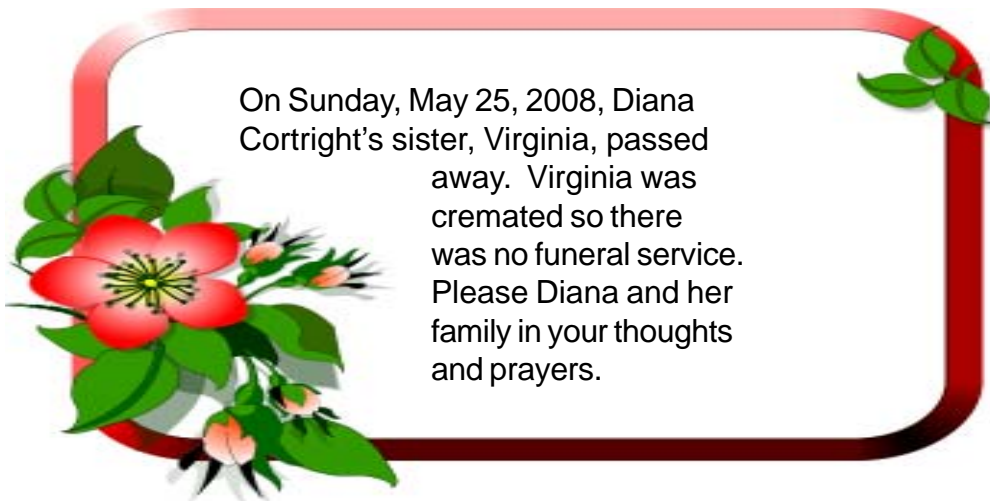
By *Vern Schwieterman*

We are looking for people to help in the planning and managing of this club. We need new ideas from all members to make this club fun and exciting. No matter how small of a idea you have let us know about it so we can try and do it. Remember this is your club help keep it running smooth.

The NCC gathering is coming up fast. Judy and I will be leaving Friday the 20th of June heading for a wedding party in Ohio so we will not make the June meeting. I hope all the people that are planning to go to the gathering are at the meeting lining things up for the club to do together. Remember we have a separate room that Tampa Bay 56ers are using for a hospitality/party room. Judy and I will pick up some soda's and water for the hospitality room. Provide your own spirits (Booze) and a snack to share. Planning on the room being open after events and what ever other times we work out once we all get together. Have a good trip!!

For those who are attending the Minnesota gathering. Thursday evening is the Welcome party and they would like us to wear our club shirts (Maroon) for that event. They also are going to announce each club and want us to show our spirit. I have been gathering Florida style hats and sunglasses for us to wear as well as some items for us to carry. I have plenty of hats but if you have anything you want to bring to show our pride bring it. There is a good chance Mickey and Minnie will be joining us on this adventure. We will meet before the party in our own hospitality room. The party begins at 7:00 so we can meet about 6:15 to get in the spirit.

Thank you Maryln for all the extra work you are doing. Maryln will be handling the meeting in my absence. Maryln is also filling in for Joyce Gillen handling the Bucs Game Scheduling and is filling in as food coordinator. We really need members to volunteer to take over some of these jobs. Save some parting for the fall trip to the mystery dinner. I hope there is a special store or shop that we can include on this trip; if you know of one let us know.



On Sunday, May 25, 2008, Diana Cortright's sister, Virginia, passed away. Virginia was cremated so there was no funeral service. Please Diana and her family in your thoughts and prayers.



NCC NEWS from Bill Foelker



The NCC is issuing a new building called "NCC Traders Pin Shop". It will be available at the NCC 2008 D56 Convention in June. Bill Foelker has order forms available. The price for the building is \$50.00. If you pick it up at the convention, sales tax of \$3.33 will be payable. If you don't attend the convention, they will be shipped in a bulk order to me, and shipping will be \$6.00 each. Here is a picture of the new building.



Happy Belated Birthday!



5/12	Sharon	Smith
5/19	Barbara	McGeary
5/26	Ray	Mularoni
5/29	Cherie	Lyons
6/6	Joyce	Gillen
6/15	Sharon	Rhodes

Happy Birthday!

6/17	Roger	Grievess
7/1	Robert	Mullen
7/2	George	Zeller
7/7	Nadine	Carey





**Tampa Bay 56ers Treasurer's Report
Corrected Treasurer's Report for Period
Ending April 30, 2008
And Treasurer's Report for May 2008
Submitted by Conrad Krause**

Beginning Balance		\$7,273.63
Deposits:		
4/18 Deposit	\$110.00	
4/18 Deposit	\$ 66.00	
4/17 Meeting Attendance	\$ 60.00	
4/17 Raffle	\$ 70.00	
4/17 1/2 of 50/50 (\$95.00)	<u>\$ 47.00</u>	
Total Deposits	\$353.00	<u>\$ 353.00</u>
Sub-total		\$7,626.63
Expenses:		
Check #429 NCC 2005 Dues	\$ 36.00	
Check #430 Ellen Wilcox - printing	\$ 14.45	
Check #431 Ellen Wilcox - stamps	\$ 8.20	
Check #432 Girl Scout Troop #323	\$750.00	
Check #433 Pinellas Park Police Explorers	\$400.00	
Check #434 Brenda Hover Girl Scout Troop #726	<u>\$275.00</u>	
Total Checks	\$1,483.65	<u>\$1,483.65</u>
Balance 4/30/08		\$6,142.98

MAY ACTIVITY

Deposits:		
5/19 Meeting Attence	\$ 40.00	
5/19 Raffle	\$ 26.00	
5/19 1/2 of 50/50 (\$56.00)	\$ 28.00	
5/19 Shirt Sale	<u>\$ 16.00</u>	
Total Deposits	\$110.00	<u>\$ 110.00</u>
Sub-total		\$6,252.98
Expenses: None		\$6,252.98
Bank Balance as of 5/31		\$6,267.43
(Check #430 outstanding)		



Department 56 has announced their spring introduction, which includes several pieces that are numbered and limited editions. Here are a few.



St. Mary's Church
Christmas in the City Village



The Angel House
Snow Village



Robbie's Robot Factory
North Pole Village



Victoria & Albert Museum
Dickens Village



Minutes of Tampa Bay 56ers Meeting May 18, 2008

Vern Schwieterman opened meeting with the reading of the Treasurer's report. Bill Foelker made a motion to accept the report, 2nd by Jack King, and all voted in favor. Secretary's report was passed out and there were no changes. Conrad Krause made a motion to accept the minutes as written, 2nd by Carol Williams, and all voted in favor.

Marlyn King passed out the Bucs schedule. Marlyn also got a phone call that we will be doing the College Bulls games if necessary. Due to fact that Tampa Bay is hosting the super bowl game, sometime later in season we will have to submit a list of people working games. Background checks will be done on all people working at the super bowl for security reasons. We will be getting a letter probably in July to sign and send back about working the games.

Bill gave NCC report and introduced the Trader Pin Shop only available through NCC. The cost \$50.00. If picked up at convention, add tax of \$3.33, and while you are there you can have it signed by the artist. If shipped, add \$6.00.

There are 540 reservations for the convention in Minnesota and 350 reservations for bus trips to Lowell Inn, and Dept 56 building. Bill also talked about 3 event pieces being offered: One for NP, one for SV, and one for Heritage, which means will go with most villages. Each is priced at \$20.00. These pieces will also be available at the convention.

All members would like a list of the paid members. Marlyn to have Joyce e-mail it to her, and in turn will have it available at the June meeting. Conrad Krause mentioned we should all be working on getting new members.

Vern wanted people to think about Christmas and buying gifts for this year. Vern wanted to give Conrad the right to spend \$1,000.00 to start buying gifts. No motion was actually made. Judy would like a wish list from members, something you would like but didn't buy. This was put into a motion by Wayne Ingalls, and 2nd by Sol Gully. All voted in favor.

Vern did mention that the Christmas Room in Venice is over stocked and wants to move some merchandise. The Christmas Room is offering 50% off new and retired pieces. They are one of our sponsors.

Marlyn ask if the members wanted a Christmas party or if they wanted to do what we did last year and have the party after the Holiday House Tour. It was decided to be tabled and discussed at the June meeting. Vern stated that the date for the House Tour would probably be Sunday January 4th, but this could interfere with football games, if Bucs win and go into playoff games.

Marlyn is to get prices for the bus trip scheduled for October to Orlando. Bill & Mary Ann Foelker are working on the prices for the Sleuth Mystery dinner theater shows and times. Date wise looking at Oct 25, 2008 Saturday.

Minutes - continued

Vern wanted to mention that he had called Colangelo and was happy to announce that Sally answered the phone. Vern felt she was really doing well. She has come a long way (GO SALLY!) We are all hoping that Sally and Dan will be back in our group soon.

Renee Ayres' mother died. Her name was Woodine Crawford, but we found out to late for anyone to attend the service.

Lorraine Crowley, President of Tri-County club, and an active member with us, asked if anyone had some North Pole pieces to donate to the Tri-County Club. They are putting together a NP village display for an assistant living facility.

There was election of officers for a 2 year term. All candidates were running unopposed. For 2nd Vice President: Marlyn King; For Secretary: Wayne Ingalls; For Director: Roger Grieves. Conrad Krause made a motion to accept the nominations, 2nd by Jack King, and all voted in favor.

Winners of door prizes: Katie Zeller—set of trees
Judy Schwieterman—New bldg accessory multi electric outlets
Leslie Gully—Tending cold frame DV
Cherie Lyons—Happy New Year NP

Raffle: Lorraine Crowley—Beard Trimmers NP

50/50: Leslie Gully—\$28.00

Meeting adjourned after motion by Wayne Ingalls and 2nd by Marcia Pagnotta.



We need volunteers to work two pre-season games:

Sunday, August 17 at 8:00 PM

Saturday, August 23 at 7:30 PM

Please call Marlyn King @ 727-367-4226 to volunteer for one of these games.

We are starting to buy gifts for our Christmas party to be passed out at the end of our house tour like last year. Let me know what **specific piece** you would like to receive to help us purchase a good selection.

Thank You
Vernon Schwieterman



CHRISTMAS IN JULY SALE

July 12 - 19, 2008

Christmas items will be 50% off as usual, retired villages and accessories 50% off and many surprise discounts throughout the store. Store hours are as follows:

Saturday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Sunday 10:00 am - 4:00 am

Mon - Fri 9:00 am - 5:00 pm



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- June 22 - Membership Meeting
Sunday Clearwater Countryside Library
1:30 PM

- June 26 - 29 - NCC is Coming Home
 Bloomington, Minnesota

- July - **NO** Meeting

- Aug 20 - Membership Meeting
Sunday Clearwater Countryside Library
1:30 PM

Tampa Bay 56ers 2006 Officers

- President: Vern Schwieterman
727-531-3112

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

- 2nd Vice President: Marlyn King
727-367-4226

- Secretary: Wayne Ingalls
813-989-8007

- Treasurer: Conrad Krause
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

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