

October 2007



# TAMPA BAY 56ers BEACON



**Membership Meeting  
Sunday, October 21, 2007  
1:30 PM**



**Clearwater Countryside Library**

**Come join us for a rock mold demonstration by Denis Gillen**



**Bring a dessert or food to share. Contact Kathy Dorsey, our food coordinator, at 727-869-7107. Water will be available, but bring your own soda.**

**We will have a raffle, 50/50 and door prizes, so don't forget to wear your club shirt and pin. Here's new type of trivia game. The last newsletter had two trivia questions. Here's two new trivia questions:**

- 1. On the new animated accessory, "A New Bike For Christmas", what is the father doing in the scene?**
- 2. How many pooches are taking the dog walker for a walk in the Snow Village accessory "Who's Walking Who?"**

**Get all four right and you win a door prize. Get any two right and you will get a extra prize ticket.**



# President's Message

By *Vern Schwieterman*

I would like to thank Marlyn for volunteering to serve on the board as secretary. Thanks also to those whom brought snacks to the last meeting and to Ellen for bringing pictures from the gathering. There were lots of ideas about a combined bus tour and our Christmas party. The board will be reviewing many ideas and bringing those ideas to the next meeting in October.

Wanted Club Members



This is your club so volunteer.

We need everyone to participate with Buccaneer games. We are planning a fun filled adventure for the holiday season and we would like to use some of the earnings towards this adventure. Please call Joyce Gillen to offer your help.

Kathy Dorsey has volunteered to oversee volunteers to bring food to the meetings. She needs people to help her by selecting menus and calling members to bring items.

Volunteer are always needed to chair a committee or serve on a committee.

Also needed are volunteers to show off their talents by demonstrating a workshop at one of the meetings.

If you know of someone outside the club who has a creative item that other members might use in their village, ask them to come to a meeting and share their talent. Feel free to call any board member to set up a date.

Another way to volunteer is by hosting a party at your home for club members like: a casino night, card party, mask ball, valentine party, bowling adventure, or a mystery dinner

Additionally you could volunteer to organize a display contest.

Volunteers are needed to audit the clubs treasury.



## President's Message - continued

The March picnic needs a chairperson and volunteers to fill specific jobs:

1. A food person to organize the menu for the picnic. The club provides the meat, paper products and table clothes. The side dishes are provided by members. You must also organize the area for food, and contact other area clubs for side dishes.
2. An activities person to organize the games that the club has and come up with new activities. You must set up games and get volunteers to man games.
3. A prize person who will ask other clubs to help provide prizes and set up the prizes at picnic.
4. A photographer to take pictures at the picnic.
5. Grill masters - Your assistance is needed by bringing your grill and grilling utensils, plus your chef skills to grill the meats.
6. A treasure keeper to collect money from those attending the picnic to help cover the fee for renting the shelter.
7. A swap and sell person to organize the swap and sell area of the picnic.

### *Joke Time*

A young magician started to work on a cruise line ship with his parrot. The parrot would always ruin his act by saying things like, "he has a card up his sleeve" or has a dove in his pocket."

One day the ship sank and the magician and the parrot found themselves alone on a lifeboat. For a couple of days, they just sat there looking at each other. Finally, the parrot broke the silence and said, "Okay, I give up. What did you do with the ship?"



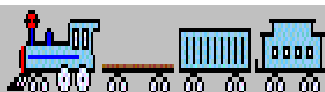
Have you seen the flyer for the 2008 NCC National D56 Convention in June 26 - 29, 2008? The event hotel, the Ramada Mall of America, has already sold out. The back up hotel is the Hilton, which is offering a rate of \$109 per night. According to our NCC representative Bill Foelker, a bus tour is planned for Thursday to Stillwater and the Lowell Inn. Seminars by Dept. 56 representatives are planned for Friday as well as a reception to meet the Dept. 56 artists. Visit [www.ncc2008convention.com](http://www.ncc2008convention.com) for more details as they become available.





## NCC 15th Anniversary

To celebrate the NCC 15th anniversary, they are having a cake decorating contest. Katie Zeller has agreed to bake the cake and bring it to the November meeting. We will get a picture before cutting into it. So come enjoy a piece of this special cake.



## Have you signed up to volunteer?

The remaining games are all on Sundays:

October 28, 2007

November 4, 2007

November 25, 2007

December 16, 2007

December 30, 2007

The board is considering waiving membership dues for members that volunteer to work at least four games.



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# TREASURER'S REPORT

Submitted by Denis Gillen



Balance Sept.15, 2007 \$912.83



## INCOME



Membership dues  
Meeting attendance Sept 16 \$40.00



Raffle Sept 16 \$31.00



50/50 Sept 16 \$64.00



building reimbursment \$51.36

Levy \$3,000.00

NCC Snowflake sales \$100.00



**TOTAL INCOME** \$3,286.36 \$3,286.36



Total \$4,199.19



## EXPENSES



Prizes (Roberts) \$96.00

50/50 Sept 16 \$32.00



**TOTAL EXPENSES** \$128.00 \$128.00



Balance Oct. 15, 2007 \$4,071.19



## FLORIDA'S LARGEST TRAIN STORE



## H&R TRAINS

### Vern and Judy

Schwieterman won first place for Amateur Novelty Display at the 53rd H & R Train Show. Did you see their Halloween display, featuring Vern's styrofoam black cat?



Tampa Bay 56ers Minutes of Meeting  
September 16<sup>th</sup> 2007

Ellen showed slide pictures of the Gathering have over 600 pictures, added to this will be Denis & Sharon's pictures, people will be able to buy the CD for the price of the CD.  
From Ellen, when the CD is done, please let Ellen know if you are interested in purchasing one.

2:05 meeting called to order

Treasure report approved as in newsletter \$912.83. Coming from the Buc games including today's game expecting \$1,800.00 added to report.

Joyce got volunteers for Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> game and Oct 14<sup>th</sup> game.  
Oct 28<sup>th</sup> will be next game, need volunteers.

Hoopla/Dept 56 in the FL Mall in Orlando is having open house Sept 22,23,24<sup>th</sup>. They needed round table demonstrators; if anybody interested call Vern.

Tried to put a bus tour together for Oct meeting to go visit Orlando, but was too late. Marlyn & Ida are working on a bus tour for Dec 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> where we would be visiting Hoopla/Dept 56 and Hutch & Such and possibly going to a dinner & show in Orlando area. This is also going to be the Christmas party. The club also made a motion to subsidize \$600.00 toward the bus tour.

Friday Oct 5<sup>th</sup> board meeting at Jason's Deli 7:00  
Oct 21<sup>st</sup> next regular meeting  
Nov 18<sup>th</sup> last meeting for 2007

Judy sent a list around, wants up to date list of what each person collects, those that plan on going to meeting in Oct can do it then, otherwise call or E mail Judy what they collect.

Nadine & Denis found 28 Santa pins offering to the club people for \$5.00. Offering to outsiders \$6.00. Also have blue shirts left for \$13.00

Sharon has a list of people that donated to the gathering but wondered if she had everyone's name, because she was sending out Thank You notes to them.

Sharon has items left from the gathering that now become clubs stuff there will be an inventory done, also all club items that are at the Kings storage will be inventoried and when Joyce was Pres. They voted on a small storage rental, so Joyce is looking into.

Skip's Florist & Christmas House is having an open house weekend Nov 10<sup>th</sup>

Bill reported about NCC: One order placed for Snowlady and working on a 2<sup>nd</sup> order.  
There are 2 people running for President of the NCC each club was to vote. Running is Randy Miller & William Dillard. Club picked Randy Miller; motion was made by Kathy Dorsey & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Diana Cortright; voted to accept.

Minutes - continued

Sharon Rhodes brought up that NCC is not doing the correct type of job, for what they stand for. Margaret House is our rep. It should be brought to her attention.

Minnesota gathering: 170 reservations of 225 rooms already booked. The next hotel to book is the Hilton about 2 miles away and cost \$102.00 and the Ramada is at \$92.00

Katie is going to bring the cake to the November meeting which will be decorated for the contest NCC is hosting.

Roger Fournier is handling the Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> house tour.

Having a contest within the club

Passed out a sheet, need to guess what Dept 56 pieces will retire in November. 1 point for correct and 3 points for incorrect. Must be turned in at the Oct meeting. A gift certificate will be the prize, amount to be decided.

Door prize winners

Village curved gumdrop road NP 53135 – Judy Schwieterman

Ready for Duty Queen Port DV 58579 Barb Wallis

Utility Acces 5512-3 – Denis Gillen

The heavin the brtty NP – Diana Cortright

Raffle

Pine Creek Hunting Lodge NE – Ellen Wilcox

50/50

\$33.00 Ida Johnson

Meeting adjourned 3:30

Bob Franks (Roberts Christmas Wonderland) had to have a pace maker put in last week.

Fish bowl winner – Vi Hill

Meeting reopened: A motion was made and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nadine Carey & Joyce Gillen that members can wear blue or yellow shirt from the gathering to the meetings and be considered to win the fish bowl prize given always at meeting for wearing club shirts.

Submitted by Marlyn King, Secretary





The board decided to sponsor a family for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Club funds will be used to purchase the holiday meals. Club members will be asked to donate gifts at Christmas for the selected family. Barbara Wallis will be coordinating this project.

Marlyn King is coordinating the Christmas event. We will have a bus tour to Orlando to visit the Dept. 56 Store in the Florida Mall on Saturday, December 1, 2007. Then the bus will take the group to a dinner show. Contact MaryIn King @ 727-692-6562 to make reservations and put in your vote for the dinner choice: Mystery Sleuth or Dixie Stampede.

Roger Fournier will be coordinating the Annual House Tour scheduled for January 3, 2008. Would you like your house and holiday display to be on the house tour? Contact Roger @ 727-515-8008. Since our Christmas event this year is a special bus tour to Orlando, Christmas presents will be given out at the last house on the tour.



Cindy Swinehart is coordinating a retirement contest . If you get this newsletter in the mail, see the insert. If you get the newsletter by e-mail, a second e-mail will contain the contest sheet. For each village, guess which building pieces will retire in November. For every correct answer, you will get 1 point. For every incorrect answer, you get 3 points. The least number of points wins a gift certificate. Entries must be turned in at the October meeting. Contest winner to be announced at the November meeting.





# Happy Birthday!

10/5	Lawrence	Almeda
10/7	Wally	Beckstrom
10/11	Linda	Grieves
10/28	Diana	Cortright
11/14	Ellen	Wilcox
11/19	Marie	Almeda



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

## Tampa Bay 56ers are thrilled to welcome new members:



Barbara & Delbert Everett  
 Cheryl Everett  
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Joy Lowe  
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Cynthia Friend  
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Come join Skip & Cheryl for their open house weekend starting November 10, 2007. More details will be on their flyer. Watch for it in the mail or the call the store if you are not on their mailing list.



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



October 21 - Membership Meeting  
Sunday 1:30 PM  
Clearwater/Countryside Library  
Clearwater, FL

November 18 - Membership Meeting  
Sunday 1:30 PM  
Clearwater/Countryside Library  
Clearwater, FL

December 1 - Bus Trip to Orlando  
Shopping at D56 Store and  
Dinner Show

## Tampa Bay 56ers 2006 Officers

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