

## **THE VILLAGE PRESS**

### **JANUARY 2007**

**Hello Everyone!! Well here it is the first of a new year. I'm sure most of us are happy to have life slow down a little and enjoy a more leisurely pace. Although this winter has been the warmest on record, we are still fortunate to live in such a lovely area....air conditioning is the key!**

**I would like to start our column with some holiday news from the neighborhood. I wish we would have had a larger response, but maybe we just need to start out in little bits and pieces.**

#### **HOLIDAY NEWS**

**Jim and Caroline Moy** had a verrry exciting Christmas this year! Their lovely daughter, Melissa, and her beautiful, new baby daughter, Tiernee, spent a wonderful holiday with them. Tiernee is the Moy's **FIRST GRANDCHILD!** She was born Nov. 8, 2006. You may have seen the proud grandparents strolling Tiernee through the neighborhood! The Moy's son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Natalie, and little pup, Scala, made a long journey from California! This made a wonderful family Christmas for the Moy's. What could be better! I'm sure Santa left gifts galore under the tree this year!

**Hank Schulte** also had a wonderful family Christmas this year. He enjoyed the company of three of his six children, plus son-in-law, for two weeks this holiday. This meant five different trips to the Orlando airport to pick up and drop off family members...a true labor of love! Of special note was the families enjoyment of our heated swimming pool. Nearly daily dips in the ocean enhanced the holidays, too. Two of Hanks children are fishermen and they both regularly caught bass of all sizes in our lake...throwing them back, as good fishermen will! Although Hank boasted of the 5 pounder in the lake, the kids never caught sight of him. Maybe next trip!

**Bob and Sue Jordan** also had a great treat this Christmas. Their daughter, Kathi, and very special boyfriend, Matt, flew in from Boston for over a weeks vacation. Tagging close on their heels, adding more sky-miles under his belt, was their little pug, Diesel. Diesel is her three-legged wonder dog! A few years ago an accident took his leg, but it certainly didn't slow him down! Most of the

neighbors know him quite well! When Kathi wasn't in the kitchen, cooking and baking up some delicious recipes, she and Matt enjoyed the pool and the beach....closing most evenings with her parents and a few hands of euchre!

**Tom and Maureen Collins** are another VWS couple who had a verrry special Christmas! They took a trip back home to Connecticut where they spent their Christmas with their "first" grandchildren, TWIN GRANDDAUGHTERS!!! Paige and Carli were born May 12, 2006. And what beautiful babies they are! Talk about "exciting"! The Collins were only too happy to give their daughter, Kristine, and son-in-law, Paul, a break by watching the "girls"! What a magical time they all must have had...

**And our Canadian neighbors, Steve and Judy Guest,** spent their very first Christmas in Florida! Talk about a change of atmosphere! The Guests have two sons, Sam and Andrew, working in Ottawa. Their youngest son, Andrew, was able to fly in for this special holiday in the sun. Other than being with mom and dad, I'm sure the pool and the beach were of special interest to this young man!

**Chris Dean** celebrated Christmas twice this year! In mid-December, she made a special trip to Kansas City to celebrate Christmas with her son and daughter and their families. I know she must have had quite a time getting all her shopping done that early and still be ready to travel! But when your family is involved, anything is possible! (She mentioned that next year, "gift cards" will be much easier to travel with!) She and Alex held a wonderful party for the New Year. Much fun and laughter and delicious food was had by all!

**Bob Herald and Fred Schaefer** had a rather unique New Year's celebration this year. They spent it at their place on Grand Bahama Island! How wonderful! They were joined by many friends, including friends from Vero Beach and Sebastian. And what a way to start the new year...their friends from Sebastian were married in a near-by hotel! Good luck was with the bride when she won big at the casino and treated all 20 guests to a very special dinner! I'll look for my invitation next year!!!

**Erica Getz** spent Christmas in Pa. There was a big family reunion with parents, grandparents, brother, his wife and their children. I know she was hoping to get in a snowball fight with someone!...but, alas, no snow this year. They did enjoy lots of cool weather, though. On top of all the holiday festivities, they threw a

surprise 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary party for her parents! A complete surprise 'till they walked through the door...Congratulations! She was back in Vero Beach to celebrate the New Year with Scott at a lively get-together with Alex and Chris - and then again later that evening at home with Scott and their friends. How do these young people do it??

## PARADE OF LIGHTS

Along with our holiday news, I think something should be mentioned about all the beautiful Christmas lights our neighbors had on display. First, Maureen and Tom Collins did a lovely job of decorating the entrance to VWS with lights and wreaths. The triple palm trees looked especially pretty with the trunks wrapped in lights. It looked wonderful...thank you for your help!

There were lots of beautiful wreaths, candles, stars and candy canes through out the neighborhood. Of special note was the large display on Sixth St. that Joe Scata installed and arranged! He had reindeers, trees and lots more...he did a beautiful job! And one of our bachelors, Hank Schulte on Sixth St. had a terrific display. Other wonderful displays on Sixth St. were from Fay Sullivan, Mary Webster, Sabrina Thompson, Margaret Hartman and Irene Austin.

Not to be out done, Fifth Ave. had some terrific ones, too! Steve and Judy Guest, and their life-long Canadian friends from next door, Bob and Murielle McKinley, had lots of beautiful lights across their connecting lawns. It was very festive looking! And hopefully lots of our neighbors got to enjoy Brenda Adcock's display...the display on her "lanai" lit up and reflected off the pond, and was wonderful! The Jensens had a nice display at the end of the street...Jeanine found a beautiful lighted wreath for above the garage.

And of course, the winner this year HAS to be Andrew and Alexis Colgan's display on Sixth Manor! WOW!!! It was magical! Two stories of beautiful tiny white lights, lighted trees, and even their very own ski lift! Congratulations on all your work and ingenuity.

But...for overall mass numbers...Sixth Lane made a big statement! There were 11 homes decorated on this street...I have to name names....Kristin, Chris, Trisha, Verity, Lori, Mary, Dorothy, the Myers, the Jordans, the Collins and the Manns. It was wonderful! A real festival!

All in all, an evenings walk through Village Walk South during the holidays was a very lovely experience! You are all to be congratulated.

## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

*I hope everyone* can take some time out to enjoy the new park benches around the pond. Who knows what kind of bird watching we can take advantage of now! Our thanks go to Terry Myers and his ‘supervisor’, Tom Collins, for putting the 3 benches together...and in record time!

*Please remember* about the clubhouse library. We have a great collection of authors to choose from. And the collection keeps growing. I just saw Maureen Collins take an armload over the other day...

*And mark your* calendar for the Community Social on Feb. 17! It is being held at the clubhouse and will be a pot-luck social. Beer and wine is permitted. Volunteers are requested to bring food, drink and set-up items. There is a sign-up sheet at the clubhouse and on the VWS website. Sandra Fontana and her committee have been working hard to organize this, so lets everyone do what we can.

*If you'd really like a special treat*, you should make reservations at the Italian-American Club for dinner, dancing and live entertainment on Jan.20. Our very own Jim Moy is a very accomplished musician and singer and will be performing that night. Many of the VWS residents have enjoyed that experience and rave about it! The food is always yummy, the music “rocks” (whether it’s oldies, moldies, ballads, country or rock) and the dance floor is BIG! Get a group together and have great evening! (Word is out that he has his very own “groupies”...you know who I’m talking about, people!!)

*If you'd like to learn more* about dealing with your finances, Ms. Christina White, Financial Advisor with Ameriprise Financial will be holding a financial workshop in our clubhouse tentatively on the morning of Sat., Feb. 3rd with a question and answer session following. I will send out an email with exact time and date by Mon. or Tues., 1/22/07 or 1/23/07. ( sample topics are: reduce income taxes, reduce debt, banking and lending, charitable giving, capital gains, gifting strategies, small business services, handling my inheritance, build my wealth, plan for retirement, annuities, 401K and IRA’s) This is open to everyone.

There is no obligation or pressure. Refreshments will be served. To sign up, please contact Chris at [Christina.e.White@ampf.com](mailto:Christina.e.White@ampf.com).

*Our “snowbirds”* have seemed very pleased at the appearance of our community since last time they were here. This has seemed like a long time coming, but things are falling into place more and more. Dale Bushong, who handles the landscaping and irrigation, has put many long hours into this project.

**Clements Pest Control** is still trying to get a grip on the **fire ant situation**. They were here on Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> doing another dry-granule application. If you notice that they missed any spots in your area, just email or call our site manager, Deb Coburn ([decoburn@bellsouth.net](mailto:decoburn@bellsouth.net) or 778.4570). Our handyman, Bob, has ant killer and will stop by to reapply the granules. Remember, if you have any questions or problems, contact Deb. She’s here to help us and is doing a fine job.

*Regarding the Sixth Manor* drainage problem, the Board should be getting an engineers report fairly soon. At that point, the Board will try to schedule a special Board meeting to discuss the information.

**Clubhouse Rental:** remember, if you’re having a special function and need a little more room, the clubhouse can be reserved for a refundable fee of \$100. Contact Chris Dean for details and to make arrangements ([kisdean@aol.com](mailto:kisdean@aol.com))

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## LOCAL EVENTS

### VERO BEACH:

This might be a good spot to include information on some local, free festivities to be enjoyed in this lovely weather. Vero Beach has a number of events throughout the month. Every week there is the Thurs. Market held at the Heritage Center downtown on 14<sup>th</sup> Ave. I believe the hours are from 3 to 7 pm. They sell fresh produce, crafts and more. The last Friday of each month the city closes 14<sup>th</sup> Ave. downtown and holds Friday Fest. There’s music, food vendors, and local entertainment. Some of the shops stay open for this event. Then the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month the city closes part of Ocean Drive and the beach merchants hold a Sunset Saturday Night from 5:30 to 8:30 pm It’s a free concert at Humiston Park, so bring lawn chairs. This makes for a wonderful stroll through the area, along the shops, restaurants, and of course, through the

park and boardwalk. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month the Art Club sets-up in Humiston Park for Art In The Park, from 10 am to 4 pm. And of particular interest, on Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Garden Fest will be held at Riverside Park. This will be a great event for all you gardeners and plant lovers. Exhibits, lectures, booths and PLANTS! Don't miss that!

**FT. PIERCE** has had major renovations in their “old” downtown area and along the river. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month from 5 to 8 pm, they hold the Art Walk in the downtown area. And for those of you who fancy a fast motorcycle, every Thursday night from 6 to 10 pm, they hold a Bike Fest on Main Street. Also, the first Friday of each month, the “old” downtown area holds a Friday Fest from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm. I keep missing this, but I've heard it's a great event. Every Saturday from 8 am to noon, they hold their “Farmers Market” along the river front. This is a very picturesque and a fun time. They have fresh produce; homemade soups, dips, baked goods, etc; plants; arts and crafts; and entertainment. If you get worn out, just take a seat on the river wall that runs the length of the park, catch the breezes, have a cold drink and sandwich, then get ready for round #2! Part of the area is still under construction, so sometimes the “marketplace” gets shifted around. But it's certainly worth the time to check it out! There are also some fun restaurants along the river and marina areas. Something of a rather unique note is their new Manatee Experience. This is just to the north of the farmers market, right on the river. The facility is a wonderful addition to the area and a lovely tribute to our “gentle giants”. In cold weather (which we haven't seen much of...) the manatees congregate in this area, just off the main river. The waters are heated from the city power generators. These warm waters attract the manatees. The Center has all kinds of manatee information, plus some nice little gift ideas and a viewing area.

**SEBASTIAN** is our lovely neighbor to the north. It is small and quaint and slowly being discovered. Every Friday evening at 5:30 they hold a Concert In The Park. It's just across the street from the river near the center of town. Bring lawn chairs and ‘bug repellent’! Afterwards, a snack or a meal-and-drinks at Capt. Hiram's is a must! This has grown from a tiny, little bait shack and boat launch to what it is today. It's a must-do experience! It's noisy, casual, and a lot of fun!

**(BE SURE AND CHECK THE NEWSPAPER FOR EXACT TIME AND**

**DATES)**

*I hope you've enjoyed the first edition of the VILLAGE PRESS. Only time will tell if there will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. If you have some ideas, suggestions or news items, please email me at [sjordan33@bellsouth.net](mailto:sjordan33@bellsouth.net). Thank you to all my neighbors who willingly (or not) participated in this issue!*



