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The First Coast Heart Ball 2015 brought community and philanthropic leaders together, as the mission in medicine and prevention is shared by many across the hospital system. See page 14 >>>

Bill and Toni Hatchett with Vicki and Dr. Stephen Suhrer



A tasteful event for a charitable group

Local celebrities drew a crowd in support of the Salvation Army of Jacksonville Women's Auxiliary. Funds were raised in support of a child development center, the Towers Memorial Social Services Center, an adult rehabilitation center and The Salvation Army Senior Center.

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Spring took its time getting here but the new fashions are worth the wait. Check out Section B for Who's Who in local fashion design and where to find the latest in clothing, jewelry and accessories.

Design by local artist, Chabri

Merchants see growth along Hendricks corridor

By Greg Walsh
Resident Community News

There's a business revival going on in Jacksonville and, no, it's neither in Riverside/Brooklyn nor Downtown. Take a drive down Hendricks Avenue in San Marco and about one block south of the Interstate 95 underpass you will see what locals have known for a couple of years – this stretch of Hendricks is coming into its own. With new establishments like Sidecar or V Pizza, new strip malls being built or existing ones getting facelifts, or the rumblings of a long anticipated condo development with commercial and retail space anchored by a new Publix, there is a definite positive buzz in the air.

"The corridor from Riverplace Boulevard back into San Marco gets better daily," said Anita Vining, president of the San Marco Merchants Association. "The greenscape and beautification of all the buildings continue to get better."

More customers

V Pizza is a prime example of the area's growth. A short time after the restaurant opened in early 2014 on Hendricks Avenue, co-owner Paul Scott says the business saw a drop in customers after an initial post-grand opening surge.

As Scott and his partners began looking for answers (a minor tweak in the



Shops along Hendricks Ave.

recipe ultimately reversed the negative trend) it wouldn't have been surprising if they second-guessed their choice of location – maybe it was parking issues, poor customer visibility or just the wrong fit for the neighborhood.

But location never came up, Scott said. That's because the restaurant owners know San Marco residents want better quality products even if it means paying a little more. In V Pizza's case, customers pay an average of \$17 for a Napolitano pizza so authentic they import the cheese made with milk from Italian water buffaloes.

"You can't trick people around here," Scott said. "You have to be an authentic

quality product. You look at the quality craft beer stuff. They want quality. The education and income levels are higher here than average ... They understand you get what you pay for."

Scott said he and his partners looked in Riverside and on San Marco Boulevard in the business district but the properties just didn't work. Instead they chose a former paint store at 1406 Hendricks Ave. to completely remodel.

"We spent more money than we wanted to do the upgrade to get what we wanted," he said.

See Hendricks Corridor on page 6 >>>

Sports celebrities come out for annual cancer event



Gabi Glassman with Tom and Louisa Isaacs

The Tom Coughlin Jay Fund Wine Tasting Gala raised nearly \$250,000. "We are very happy with those results," said Kelli Coughlin, executive director. "We are thrilled to have so many supporters here in Jacksonville." For more photos of the event, turn to page 14.



Local women raise funds to benefit Garden Club

Betty Gutman, Benita Boyd, Betty Wolfe, Nan Chopskie (seated), Betty Smith, members of the Pinocchio Rose Circle, at the annual Garden Club of Jacksonville Flea Market, held Feb. 28. The turn-out was tremendous and many items had been sold within the first several hours.

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Publisher's Note: Spectacular seasonal sight



This quaint home on Belote Place, has a flowering tree that has bloomed for the first time in three years. According to the homeowner, "...it appears as quickly as it goes away!"

As I sit out in my backyard on a beautiful 75 degree day with gorgeous flowers blooming all around, my dogs lounging by my side, I have to admit I am feeling very fortunate as I write this note.

We really enjoy living and working in the Historic Districts, one of the most beautiful areas Jacksonville has to offer residents and visitors. Stately old homes with wonderfully landscaped yards or cute little bungalows with flower boxes bursting with color makes me smile every time I drive through the neighborhood.

The arrival of spring brings a whole

new array of splendor to our local flora. Blooming magnolia trees and azalea bushes are not only breathtaking but they fill the air with the most amazing scents.

This month *The Resident* celebrates spring, indoors and out. Whether you start in the garden with trowel in hand or head straight for your closet to do some of that much needed "spring cleaning," we have stories that will give you some great gardening tips or fashion hints, or just bring a smile to your face. **Don't miss our second section inserted in this Issue- Hello, Spring!**

— Pamela Bradford Williams

You Asked For It

In response to a reader's query about available public parking for access to the Southbank Riverwalk, *The Resident* reached out to District 4 Councilman Don Redman for an answer.

Redman said he understands residents' frustration with finding free parking near the new Southbank Riverwalk. He suggested they check the River City Brewing Co. parking lot near Friendship Fountain because there are times when a \$5 parking fee is not assessed there. There's also a portion of the Wyndham Jacksonville parking lot that can be accessed, although it is private property, he said.

"They can also park in the (Duval County) School Board building parking lot on the weekends for free," said Redman.

Redman, a proponent of the project to replace the Riverwalk's previously dilapidated and dangerous boardwalk, said he's only heard good comments about it since the February unveiling of the new walkway.

"I haven't heard anything bad about it," he said. "Everybody seems pretty pleased."



Letters to the Editor

Reader takes issue with JTA ridership claim

In last month's *Resident* there was an article concerning JTA which described an increase in ridership as well as the fact that over 1000 stops had been eliminated. I believe the statement of increase in ridership to be doubtful. What has increased as the result of the elimination of so many stops is the number of transfers to destinations that were easier to reach prior to the December 1 changes.

Before Dec. 1, many destinations that could be reached with one bus now require two and even three buses. Ridership is probably about the same but what has definitely risen is frustration, inconvenience, multiple fares and multiple hazards. These extra transfers obligate riders to bear the burden of exposure to foul weather, increased risks of falls [especially for the elderly and infirm], as well as the hazards of navigating across some of the most deadly traffic intersections in the city.

While the new tracking system is technically up to date, the overall system has been degraded from an inefficient second rate system to a barely workable third rate system. With bonds and great amounts of additional fares JTA must indeed feel good. Riders, however, endure a disservice and scramble as best we may and have to seek cabs and Uber to get to destinations JTA fears to go. — *Bernard Mazie*

Readers weigh in on Southbank Riverwalk

Just read your article about the new southside riverwalk. Here was a great opportunity to praise the work of so many people who worked long and hard to create what most of us here think is a thing of beauty. Instead you talked about one or two people who will find fault with anything and a person who likes his 15 minutes of fame. As a result, your article came off as negative

instead of positive. If we are going to have a problem with the width so bicycles will have a problem on a WALK WAY, lets complain about the east side entry to the Main Street bridge walk way. As a resident of Riverplace Blvd, we all think it is a great addition to Jacksonville. — *Sandra Fradd*

Delighted to read about the completion of the Southbank Riverwalk featured on the front page of the March issue of *Resident Community News*.

I've already tread my feet on it twice so far; once shortly after sunset and once in the early afternoon. It's attractive and appears to be solidly constructed. But, I noted some of the unresolved issues that can be rectified over time, hopefully.

However, the main reason for my letter is about fair accessibility for everyone wishing to enjoy a stroll along the beautifully restored Southbank Riverwalk. I've already experienced a parking hassle. I was told by a parking lot attendant that it would cost me five dollars to park in the lot near the riverwalk. Over the years there has never been a charge just to park near the riverwalk.

I can understand the Chart House wanting to reserve space for its customers. I can understand the Wyndham Hotel securing their parking lot for those registered there. But to impose a parking fee upon everyone who'd just simply enjoy a relaxing stroll along a stretch by the St. Johns River, to me is a downright betrayal of the citizens of Jacksonville. I feel there should be a free parking area designated for all persons (including out of town visitors) wanting access to our riverwalk. This would also encourage small storefront businesses in the area to thrive. We already have a magnificent Friendship Fountain. Let's keep it spraying a little friendship over us all!

I'm hoping you will include this and encourage some positive action. — *William H. Shuttleworth*

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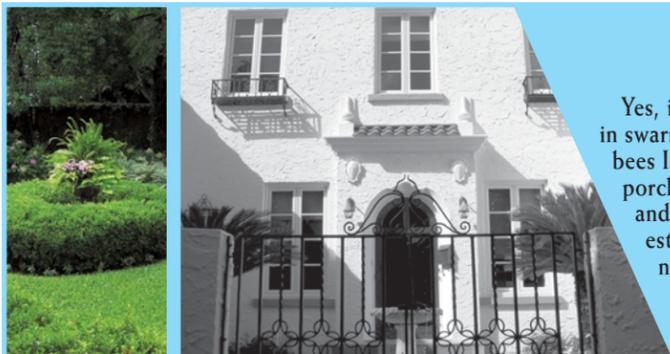
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Spring has Sprung

supply and demand. Sales haven't been this fast and buyers haven't been this urgent since spring of 2013. My last two listings sold to the first buyer who got there. We have back up offers on our listings. Take note buyers - the urgency to get to the house is real. Sellers - price it right, stage it well and it's S-O-L-D. I'm not fooling, spring has sprung.

If you see me at Pulp trying to balance out all the coffee I have to drink to keep pace with spring, don't tell me how ragged I look. I'll be fine again this summer when you all go to North Carolina...Do you need a Realtor who is a full time professional? I take my job seriously. Why not try me. I love my job because of you and your homes. — *Anne Rain*



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The Southbank Riverwalk comes to life, use increases

Residents and visitors enjoy the view, the exercise and the amenities

As residents come to know the Southbank Riverwalk, post-reconstruction, the amenity-lined attraction has already become a hot spot for enjoyment. It is a site worth visiting for those making their way to the downtown and surrounding neighborhoods by day or by the LED, color-changing lights at night. With riverfront vistas of the downtown skyline, refreshing breezes and public art displays along the way, it's become a 'go to' place for enjoyment. *The Resident* took a trip down to the river to discover the frequent users. We asked a few courteous passersby to share their thoughts about this latest project that's come to completion— just in time for warmer temperatures.



Barbara Watkins

"It's so nice, it's just fantastic...makes me not want to go back to work," shared school board staffer Barbara Watkins. Barbara works for the Duval County School Board and takes walks on her 15-minute breaks.



Tom Widman

Tom Widman, an Arlington resident, remembers bringing his boys down to the Southbank Riverwalk when it was completed many years ago. He credits the new construction for using materials that will stand up to the river, as he believed the former design, out of wood, wasn't a great idea. "This is first class," said Widman, "this [riverwalk] rivals any other city." Tom chose to ride his bike all the way from Riverside at the YMCA, over a bridge to the Southbank.



Debra Cotton

For School Board staffer Debra Cotton, this area is relaxing and soothing. "It's therapeutic for me, I usually try to take advantage of walking on breaks, it makes the day so much better," she said. Cotton, who was unable to walk daily during the reconstruction of the Southbank Riverwalk gained 25 lbs. as a result. She wanted to share that with others, as it makes a difference for her. She said, "It refreshes my mind and allows me to gather my thoughts."



Tamara Krause and Nancy Beidler

Tamara Krause and Nancy Beidler were walking the new facilities in order to seek a location for their upcoming event. Both ladies are representatives with a nonprofit helping those with arthritis. "We're scouting a location for our walk," said Krause. While Beidler lives out of town, they were both impressed with the ability to walk such a nice distance along the river.



Debbie Nolan and Belle

Debbie Nolan, a resident at the neighboring high rise condos, has returned to Jacksonville from Atlanta, having grown up in the area. She had left the area on business several years ago. "We just moved in December, it makes it that much better. I feel like I'm living at a resort. Whoever designed this did a tremendous job."

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Aquajax feasibility study gets going

AquaJax has begun its long-sought feasibility study on building a \$120 million aquarium along the St. Johns River in Downtown.

George Harrell, co-founder and president of AquaJax, said the required \$50,000 had been raised for the study, which will look at potential sites around Metro Park and the Shipyards. The study would dovetail well with Shad Khan's recent proposed development plan to use the Shipyards to connect Downtown with EverBank Field, Harrell said.

Once the study is done sometime in April the group plans to use it to further market AquaJax to potential investors. Harrell believes a downtown aquarium would bring in thousands of new visitors and millions of tourism dollars.



AquaJax Rendering

Kitchen on San Marco opens with fundraiser

As part of its grand opening ceremonies, Kitchen on San Marco hosted a charity event in March to benefit the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Jacksonville.

Titled "Growing the House that Love Built," the event was held at the restaurant, 1402 San Marco Blvd., with all proceeds going to the Ronald McDonald House expansion project now under way.

Restaurant General Manager Eve Markowicz said the business was "excited to partner with the Ronald McDonald House for this great event." Members of the Red Shoe Crew, Ronald McDonald House's Young Professionals organization, hosted the charity fundraiser.

The restaurant features a unique gastropub flair, including an extensive offering of local craft beers. Its menu consists of a wide variety of contemporary American food and features a "farm to table" commitment,

with all dishes incorporating fresh, regional, seasonal and sustainable foods.

Kitchen on San Marco is owned by Education Corporation of America, which operates Virginia College in Jacksonville. It also supports Culinar, the Culinary Institute of Virginia College, where a team of professional staff and chefs provide a learning lab environment for culinary and pastry art students.

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Mayor, sheriff races move to May

Jacksonville's May 19 general election will include the races for mayor and sheriff after no candidates received more than 50 percent of the votes in the March primary.

Incumbent Mayor Alvin Brown, a Democrat, will face off against Republican Lenny Curry as will the top two vote-getters in the sheriff's race, Ken Jefferson and Mike Williams.

Ten races for City Council seats also must go to the general election to be decided. However, the primary, which drew a 33 percent voter turnout, did determine winners in nine other City Council races, including District 14 incumbent Jim Love, who received 68 percent of the vote. District 5 incumbent Lori Boyer ran unopposed for another four-year term.

Voters in March also approved a referendum expanding the city's ethics and inspector general duties, and more than 60 percent of the 184,518 people casting ballots also supported a straw poll requiring city employees to live in Duval County.

Mayoral candidate Bill Bishop, who was eliminated in the primary voting, ran strongest in the Riverside and Avondale areas, where he actually topped the vote in some precincts.

Bishop could potentially play a major role in the general election, said Robert Hall, a Jacksonville University adjunct professor in political science.

"It's a very difficult call on Bishop," Hall said of the Republican City Council member. "Does he do the party thing and support Curry? He may be thinking what's in it for him from who becomes the next mayor."

Hall noted that Bishop and Curry differed significantly on several key issues facing the city, including pension reform and whether to raise taxes.

As for the sheriff's race, Hall said the outcome stuck fairly closely to pre-election polling favoring Jefferson and Williams. The Fraternal Order of Police did not support a primary candidate but may pick one for the general election, a decision that could push significant votes toward their choice, he said.

Intuition's move to Downtown closer

Efforts to move Riverside's Intuition Ale Works, 720 King St., are picking up steam now that the Downtown building that Intuition owner Ben Davis wants to use is officially available.

The Noland Building, 929 E. Bay St., was sold to Iconic Real Estate Investments, which will lease a majority of the building's square footage to Davis. The building is just a block from Jacksonville Veterans Memorial Arena and Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville, giving Intuition a tony location for its brewery, taproom and rooftop beer garden.

Davis opened the King Street brewery in 2010. A tentative opening date at the new location is set for September.

Jacksonville Suns begin 2015 season

The 2015 Jacksonville Suns will take the field Saturday, April 4, for an exhibition game against the Miami Marlins at the Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville. The game against their parent club's major league team begins at 2:05 p.m. at Bragan Field.

The Suns' 2015 minor league season officially begins April 9 when they host the Jackson Generals for a 10-game home stand, followed by five home games against the Montgomery Biscuits starting April 15. Next up are the Biloxi Shuckers, who were supposed to host the Suns beginning April 20. However, due to construction at the Shuckers' stadium, the five-game series was moved to Jacksonville.

Also announced in March was that the Suns' longtime owners, the Bragan family, plans to sell the team to another minor league baseball team owner in Ohio. Visit www.jacksonville.suns.milb.com for more information.

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Hendricks Corridor

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Its recipe situation solved, V (short for “veloce,” the Italian word for fast) Pizza is seeing solid lunchtime crowds and even better dinner revenue.

“We have set revenue records for the past four weeks and we just opened a Beaches location as well,” Scott said. “We knew that San Marco was the place we were going to do this because we wanted to serve really fresh and quality ingredients and we knew the people here would appreciate it.”

And what is Scott’s advice to others considering San Marco “off-square” business areas? “If I was going to go with a high-quality food product that is the place that I would go.”

Real estate in demand

Jason Hinson of real estate firm Colliers Jacksonville is seeing that same positive trend manifested in remodeled buildings and frontage.

“I’ve seen a lot of improvement in the area, a much cleaner look than what it had in the past,” said Hinson, a senior associate at the real estate agency. “(The area) is in a positive upward swing.”

Two small strip malls – 1620-36 and 1550 Hendricks Ave. – are getting facelifts, he said, and Collier is working to create a nearby cluster of all beauty-related services at a third site.

With the San Marco business district drawing so many shoppers, it’s not surprising nearby areas along Hendricks Avenue are seeing renewed growth. Hinson said young professionals being

drawn for lunch from Downtown offices and dinner are the reason.

“They like to get out of their cars and walk around to shop and eat,” he said. But Hinson noted those shoppers have discriminating tastes. “It’s not for the person that is looking for some kind of discount.”

Hendricks Avenue offers business owners access to those customers while at the same time they “get rates a little less than they would in the San Marco retail district,” he said.

There’s also excitement that the long discussed East San Marco project is closer to reality. With it would come not only condominiums for hundreds of new residents but a grocery store and other retail spots to draw still more customers to the area.

“It’s a positive thing for everybody involved; it’s good growth for the city and for a city inside a city,” Hinson said.

Seeing transformation

Kurt Rogers of Sidecar, 1406 Hendricks Ave., has a unique perspective of the area, having grown up in San Marco.

The 35-year-old Rogers remembers a time 10 years ago when San Marco was not on the upswing, linked instead to a deteriorating Downtown offering little to higher income younger professionals and their families.

Then a positive trend began, one Rogers attributes to the reconditioned San Marco Square that is more welcoming to visitors and has an improved traffic flow. It was the positive business trend that followed which convinced him and partner Matt Carson to invest in their old neighborhood.

“There’s really been a radical transfor-

mation in the neighborhood in recent years,” said Rogers, a University Christian graduate. “The city has started to invest in the urban core ... In order for the city to grow, it has to have a pulse and heartbeat and it has to happen in the urban core.”

Opened in May 2014, Sidecar is a way of being part of growth that Rogers credits to people in his age group who left Jacksonville, only to return a decade later to have families.

“We wanted to be that neighborhood bar, where people could just come and hang out. We wanted to make them feel comfortable and provide a place where they could celebrate the neighborhood,” he said. “We really wanted to be a catalyst for this area.”

Rogers credits his investors with “really heavy research” that found nearby employers and Downtown hotels could provide an excellent customer base. Ford said a camaraderie is also developing among San Marco area businesses – one that’s seeing them recommend each other’s establishments to those customers.

“Taverna will send people down to us and we’ll send people to them,” Rogers said. “We’re not greedy here, there’s plenty to go around and by helping each other we are helping all of us be more successful.”

Aardwolf going strong

You don’t have to tell Aardwolf Brewing Co. co-owner Preben Olsen about Hendricks Avenue business growth. Initially, it was more about the two-story brick building, with its 9,000 square feet of factory space and large parking area for delivery trucks, than it was its San Marco location, Olsen said.



Inside Aardwolf Brewing Co.

“San Marco seemed a bit odd for a choice but at the end of the day we kept coming back to that building,” Olsen said.

Looking back, Olsen said, he and co-owner Michael Payne are “definitely really lucky” to have purchased their building – originally an icehouse – when they did two years ago.

“Now we are starting to see more foot traffic and more community outings here and each month our brand gets stronger,” he said. “Everything is developing around us very quickly. The more restaurants and other businesses around us the better for us and everybody.”

The brewery recently sold out of its first bottled beer. “We sold a little over 400 bottles in about 20 minutes, limit two per person,” he said. “It’s exciting to see people as excited about our product as we are.”

What all this means is San Marco’s “off-square” businesses – as the San Marco Merchants Association calls them – are contributing more and more to the area. And that makes the Association’s Vining very happy.

“I feel that all the residents in the newer condo buildings and the businesses along the Southbank will find it easier to navigate all the way back into San Marco once the construction gets wrapped up at I-95 and Hendricks,” she said.



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Locals 'sweep' environmental 'Oscars'

The 23rd Annual Mayor's Environmental Awards Luncheon was reminiscent of the recent Academy Awards. As "Birdman" award winners were called to the microphone numerous times, so was Avondale resident William Brinton, who took home three awards.

Fourteen local environmental organizations presented awards at the Mar. 12 event at the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens to individuals and groups for their outstanding contributions in preserving the local environment.

Brinton received the Beauty is Good for Jacksonville Award from City Beautiful Jax, the Behind the Scenery Award from the Public Trust Environmental Legal Institute, and the grand prize, the Mayor's Environmental Award for his more than 25 years of advocacy to eliminate visual pollution and billboards in the city.

Several other residents added to the neighborhood honors, including Richard Skinner, of Riverside, who received an award from Timucuan Trail Parks Foundation, and Bob Chabot, of Avondale, who was honored by the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens. For his editorial columns on the environment, Riverside resident Ron Littlepage accepted the Beauty is Good for Neighborhoods Award from City Beautiful Jax.

San Marco residents Susan Caven accepted the Beauty is Good for Jacksonville Award on behalf of Scenic Jacksonville, and Cyndi Schmidt accepted the Environmental Protection Board's Community/Civic award on behalf of the Late Bloomers Garden Club. Dr. Quinton White, of San Jose, received the Christi P. Veleta Environmental Award from the Environmental Protection Board.



Alicia Grant, City Beautiful Jax president, Susan Caven, Scenic Jacksonville president, Mayor Alvin Brown, William D. Brinton



Nick Howland, vice chair, Environmental Protection Board, Cyndi Schmidt, president of Late Bloomers Garden Club



Dr. Quinton White, executive director of the Jacksonville University Marine Science Research Institute

Residents suggest bicycle routes spread from bridge

By Greg Walsh
Resident Community News

Bicyclists and pedestrians living in Riverside and San Marco are speaking up about their favorite bike paths in those neighborhoods and the North Florida Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) is listening.

At a public workshop in March, TPO officials heard local residents looking for outdoor recreational opportunities and hard-core bicyclists make suggestions about destinations and routes in both neighborhoods. The comments will be part of a study coming out this summer.

"Out of this study will come specific recommendations and what timeline we want to move forward on," said Marci Larson, TPO public affairs manager.

The hearing at San Marco Preservation Hall was one of four opportunities in March to tell the TPO what are the important destinations in each neighborhood, suggest locations for bicycle and pedestrian "wayfinding" signage, and, ultimately, to put a price tag on the overall project.

Once the public's comments are reviewed, TPO consultant Theodore Petritsch and a co-worker will ride each route and determine which are most appropriate for the general public. They will check for such things as broken curbing, blind corners and poor drainage areas that pose dangers to bicyclists and pedestrians.

In June, another workshop will be held where the public can view the preliminary study and make comments. A date and location for that workshop has not been set, said Elizabeth De Jesus, TPO consumer services manager.

The Riverside/San Marco routes will tie into a pedestrian/bicycle lane being built onto the Fuller Warren Bridge, with completion expected in early 2017. From that bridge path popular spots such as Riverside Arts Market or San Marco Square will likely be among the recommended destinations, he said.

Leigh Burdett, who operates a bicycle touring business in Jacksonville's urban core, says she welcomes the bicycling improvements. However, she believes education programs for both motorists and bicycle riders is important, too.

"My biggest concern is that we will change the infrastructure and we won't communicate those changes to the populace. That could be a problem," Burdett said.

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In 10th decade, Assumption builds again for future

By Kate A. Hallock
Resident Community News



Aerial rendering of Assumption Catholic campus, including proposed new building with playgrounds (upper right).

From humble beginnings a century ago, when the original school accommodated 110 students, to its present campus with 620 pre-kindergarten to 8th grade boys and girls, Assumption Catholic School is one of the oldest, continually operated parochial schools in Jacksonville.

Since those early years, the parish has undergone seven construction projects, each time responding to a parish or community need, including that of quality education.

Now, larger-than-desired class sizes and a waiting list for every grade level has spurred parish leaders to launch a campaign for a new building, which will increase capacity by nearly 90 students and provide child care for about 30 children from six weeks old to two years old.

“As our school has grown in recent years we have worked diligently to maintain



1954 classroom



2014 classroom

small class sizes, which is one of the main reasons the new building will benefit our school,” said Maryann Jimenez, assistant principal. “As students move to middle school accustomed to 20-25 in a class, they are then put into two homerooms of

30-plus. It is our great wish to add a third class to middle school so that they can continue to experience the smaller class size that we know is most effective.”

Jimenez, who will become principal effective July 1, is working with Mary Maszy, Rob Heekin, Patrick Thornton and others to raise funds for the \$4.3 million project to build a 30,000-square foot two-story building in time for the 2016-2017 school year.

“An Art Studio, Media Cafe, and developed Music Department are just some of our plans for the future,” said Jimenez in a letter to Assumption School parents and parishioners. The proposed building will have 24 rooms, including three classrooms each for kindergarten through 5th grade, meeting spaces, a youth center, and additional kitchen.

“The new building is both an opportunity to serve the community and an income revenue stream for the school,” Maszy noted, since it will also include an early childhood learning center and provide care and education for infants through pre-kindergarten.

The project was seeded two years ago with a \$400,000 gift for an early childhood

learning center, then followed by more gifts totaling \$487,000, according to Maszy.

To date more than \$1.5 million has been pledged, including matching funds from an anonymous donor who gave \$2 for every dollar raised. To break ground, roughly half of the cost is required “in the bank.”

“Under Diocesan rules, we must collect roughly \$200,000 more in order to finalize the design and permitting, and we’ll need to collect about \$400,000 after that in order to begin construction,” said Heekin, Assumption Parish Finance Committee chairman and a 1964 graduate of Assumption School.

A variety of fundraising activities, including at Jog-a-Thon on Apr. 17, and an outdoor gala, Footprints on the Field, will be held this spring. In addition, naming opportunities are available for the building, each classroom, playgrounds, doors, windows, etc., and mosaic tiles can be purchased in memory or honor of loved ones.

“Generations of families attended Assumption, and still live in the area, many on the same streets where they grew up,” said Maszy. “We are building the future for Assumption’s family.”

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Jacksonville’s Catholic school system is searching for a diocesan superintendent of schools after the resignation of the Rev. Michael Houle.

Houle, who had served as president of Bishop Kenny High School for 26 years, announced in February he was resigning that position and as diocesan director of Secondary Schools. In his resignation letter, Houle said he wanted to focus on being the pastor of a local parish.

Instead of filling the position with a new president, the diocese has begun a search for a superintendent to oversee all Catholic secondary and elementary



schools. Houle will continue to serve as head of education finance and development at the St. Augustine diocese.

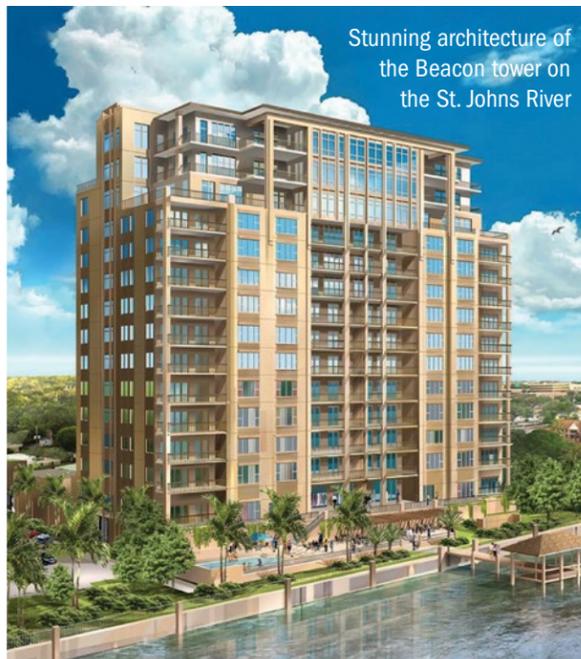
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Front: Brittany Duke-Anthony, WGA President Paula Liang, Delores Barr Weaver, Samantha Alves Orender; back: Yaima Coto, Karen Estella Smith, Sabeen Perwaiz, Heather Houston, Emily O'Leary, Meredith Guess, Angela Grewal, Jennifer Simmons, Melissa Beaudry, Sara Bonderud and Stephanie Cost, DBW Fellows Coordinator. (Photo by Laird)

Nurturing new generation of philanthropy

A dozen young women, eight of whom live or work in local neighborhoods, make up the inaugural class of Delores Barr Weaver Fellows and will be mentored by members of the Women's Giving Alliance (WGA) to be informed about community issues and intimately involved in their solutions, through research, grant making and community engagement.

With generous funding from the Delores Barr Weaver Fund and other sponsors, WGA offered the Fellows a special opportunity to become full WGA members through a shared financial arrangement for four years, in the hope that they will join on their own in year five. Any woman who is willing to make the minimum annual donation of \$1500 is welcome to join.

"We are so pleased to introduce this pilot class of Delores Barr Weaver Fellows which encompasses such a diverse group of younger women," noted WGA President Paula Liang. "We specifically tried to attract potential new members under 40 that come from a wide range of backgrounds, occupations, neighborhoods and ethnicities."

Each of the Fellows has been assigned a seasoned WGA member as a mentor. The 2015 Fellows and their mentors are Melissa Beaudry, mentor Lise Everly; Jennifer Simmons, mentor Heather Geraghty; Heather Houston, mentor Kimberly Grant; Emily O'Leary, mentor Martha Barrett; Sabeen Perwaiz, mentor Crystal Freed; Sara Bonderud, mentor Kimberly Mariani-Jones; Yaima Coto, mentor Kristi Brandon; Samantha Alves Orender, mentor Suzanne Perritt; Brittany Duke-Anthony, mentor Jo Hoskins; Angela Grewal, mentor Mary Pietan; Meredith Guess, mentor Alison Korman Shelton, and Karen Estella Smith, mentor Donna Orender.

First Citizen Bank opens in San Marco

First Citizens Bank is now open for business in San Marco. The new branch at 1471 San Marco Blvd. is centrally located in metro Jacksonville, provides convenient access to First Citizens' banking services and features convenient parking, offices, drive-through service and a drive-up ATM.

"Our new San Marco Boulevard branch is a significant addition to our bank and demonstrates our ongoing commitment to our customers and the community," said Michelle McCorvey, area executive for the bank in



Michelle McCorvey and Zendra Spikes

Jacksonville.

The new facility, which offers traditional banking and investment services, is replacing one on Baymeadows Road. Hours of operation are 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Thursday, and 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Friday. Call (888) 323-4732 or visit www.firstcitizens.com for information.

Pure Barre now in San Marco

Pure Barre's San Marco location is now ready to demonstrate its successful weight loss and body-shaping methods.

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Jenny Parker and Victoria Koster

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Episcopal School of Jacksonville names new Middle School Head



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Schickel is a founding partner of Coker, Schickel, Sorenson, Posgay, Camerlengo & Iracki and specializes in personal injury, products liability, professional negligence, mediation and workers' compensation. He is board certified in Civil Trial Law and Workers' Compensation by The Florida Bar, is a Certified Civil Trial Attorney with the National Board of Trial Advocacy, a Certified Civil Trial Mediator with the Florida Supreme Court and a Federal Court Mediator, Middle District of Florida.

Paige McGee will join The Episcopal School of Jacksonville as the new Head of Middle School on July 1. Mimi Bryant, current Head of Middle School, will retire at the end of the school year, after dedicating 20 years of her career to the Episcopal community.

McGee is the current Director of Education and Curriculum at San Jose Episcopal Day School, where she has worked since 1992 and has almost 20 years of experience as a professional educator.

"We look forward to Paige joining the Episcopal community as our new Head of Middle School. We know her ability to provide a positive learning environment and ensure a school culture that promotes

continuous improvement opportunities for teachers and students fits perfectly within Episcopal's mission and values," said Charles F. Zimmer, Head of School.

McGee has a Master's Degree of Education in educational leadership from the University of North Florida, and a bachelor's degree in elementary education from UNF as well. She also attended the University of Florida, The Bolles School and San Jose Episcopal Day School.

"Episcopal is a unique community that welcomes students of all backgrounds, faiths and experiences. I am looking forward to working with the exceptional faculty and staff, impressive students, and engaged families at ESJ," said



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McGee. "Together we will continue to provide a learning environment in which students feel comfortable taking the risks necessary for their growth and development as lifelong learners."

Coach Rogers honored with sixth Hall of Fame selection

Bolles football coach Charles "Corky" Rogers has been selected to the 2015 class of the National High School Hall of Fame, the first football coach in Florida to earn the honor. This marks the sixth Hall of Fame in which Rogers has been inducted including the FACA Hall of Fame (2002), Florida High School Athletic Hall of Fame (2005), the Gator Bowl Hall of Fame (2012), the Robert E. Lee High School Hall of Fame (2013) and the Florida Sports Hall of Fame (2013).

"It's an honor for our program and the guys around me," said Rogers of the Hall of Fame selection. "Whatever success we have had is based on the assistant coaches who have been with me so long and the quality of people they are. It's not just me. I'm proud of the way our kids have played. Being at a first rate place like Bolles and the support of our administration adds to it. It's



not something I ever started out to do, but you work hard day-to-day and things add up."

The National High School Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will be held Thurs., July 2, at the New Orleans Marriott in New Orleans, Louisiana. About 1,000 individuals will be in attendance, including state athletic/activity association executive officers, staff members, board members and their guests.

Rogers' career as a high school football coach has spanned five decades, producing more wins than any other coach in Florida with 444 through the 2014 season. He has guided the Bolles football program since the 1989 season, helping the Bulldogs to compile the most state titles of any football program in Florida with 11. Rogers led the Bulldogs to a state-record 16th state final appearance in 2014.

Prior to Bolles, Rogers coached at his alma mater, Robert E. Lee High School, leading the Generals to playoff appearances in 10 straight seasons. As a student-athlete at Lee, Rogers played for the 1960 state championship football team and the 1961 state baseball championship team.

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Local residents sweep 2015 Arts Awards

MOVERS & SHAKERS

Moulding to retire from Leadership Jacksonville

The recipients of the Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville's 2015 Arts Awards are, with one exception, residents of local neighborhoods. Even the winner of the Business Award is located in San Marco.

The winners will be recognized during the Cultural Council's 39th Annual Art Awards Gala: Light the Night, on May 2.

From the Riverside/Avondale area the honorees include:

Amber Amerson, who will be honored with the Art Educator Award. Amerson will be recognized for her work in theatre education at LaVilla School of the Arts and for the creation of new works of art that speak directly to young adults.

Cari Sanchez-Potter, who will be honored with the Art Innovator Award, for her work in elevating Jacksonville's culinary culture and the creation and direction of the renowned Legend Series gastronomy events.

Kedgar Volta will be honored with the Emerging Artist Award. Volta will be recognized for his engaging dual-culture point-of-view and for his critically-acclaimed participation in national exhibitions this past year including "Three Wishes" in Atlanta and "State of the Art" at Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art.

Al Letson, of Ortega Forest, will be honored with the National Impact Award, in recognition of his excellent brand of storytelling and artistry, which he has created into an award-winning investigative national radio program, "State of the Re:Union."

Martha "Marty" Lanahan, of San Marco, will be honored with the Helen Lane Founder's Award, named for Cultural Council



Helen Lane and Joanie Newton review their script for the awards ceremony.

co-founder Helen Lane. Lanahan will be honored for her passion for art collecting, her dedication to the cultural community in both her work and her personal life, and her leadership roles with cultural institutions such as The Florida Theatre and the Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville.

Baptist Health, located on the Southbank, will be honored with the Business Award for its commitment to enhancing the hospital experience with visual art, gardens, natural light, and "sense-sensitive" design, as well as its dedication to arts in healing.

Dr. Mauricio Gonzalez, of Atlantic Beach, will be honored with the Robert Arleigh White Award for Art Advocacy for his work in establishing a beacon of culture at the University of North Florida's new Student Union with the creation of the Lufrano Intercultural Gallery.

San Jose resident Barbara Moulding will retire at the end of the current Leadership Jacksonville class year this spring. Following a 30-year career



with AT&T, she joined Leadership Jacksonville as adult program coordinator in July 2004, and served on the board from 2001 to 2004. Moulding was a member of the class of 1998.

"Leadership Jacksonville is an inspiring organization committed to the betterment of our community. It has been my privilege to play a role in that effort," said Moulding. "I treasure the relationships I have made there and the collective impact we have made. To work in an organization where my personal values are so aligned with those of the organization is rare and appreciated."

Jill Langford Dame, Executive Director of Leadership Jacksonville, stated that Moulding brought quality programs to each class for more than 10 years. "Barbara has worked with a large and diverse group of volunteers to select class participants, plan retreats and create dynamic programs every year," said Dame. "She will be missed as a valuable staff member but welcomed as an appreciated volunteer."



Frisch appointed to Baptist Health board

Mark A. Frisch, executive vice president of Beaver Street Fisheries, Inc., was appointed to the Baptist Health board of directors. He is also the owner of the Jacksonville Armada FC, the city's profession-

al soccer club that kicked off its inaugural season this spring in the North American Soccer League.

A native of Jacksonville and a graduate of the University of Florida, Frisch held a number of positions at Beaver Street Fisheries, including sales, operations, information technology, human resources and finance. He is also

involved in a variety of community organizations. Frisch is currently on the board of trustees for Jacksonville University and is the 2015 chair of JAXUSA Partnership, the economic development arm of JAX Chamber. He is currently serving on the board of directors for Wolfson Children's Hospital.

New agent joins Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty

Rachelle Miller recently joined Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty in Avondale and San Marco.



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The 11th annual Tom Coughlin Jay Fund Wine Tasting Gala gave guests the opportunity to rub elbows with local sports celebrities and Tom Coughlin, the two-time Super Bowl winning coach, to support his mission to help families tackle childhood cancer. Coughlin, who founded the Jay Fund in 1996, greeted patrons as they sampled cuisine from 36 local restaurants and enjoyed world-class wines at the Wells Fargo Center on March 20 – all for the cause. The event has raised over \$1.5 million in its first 10 years to help families in Northeast Florida and Southeast Georgia with financial, emotional and practical support.

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Rebecca

The 2015 American Heart Association raised nearly \$500,000 in the year's event, chaired by Tom Coughlin. HealthCare, honored Tom Coughlin. Many leaders from local organizations focus on children's health. The event, which included dancing, raises funds for the American Heart Association to fight diseases and strokes.



Dr. Jen Cronin, Richard Grammiere, Bobby Wallo and Dr. Kelly Huber



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Marty and Debbie Cothorn with Tom Coughlin



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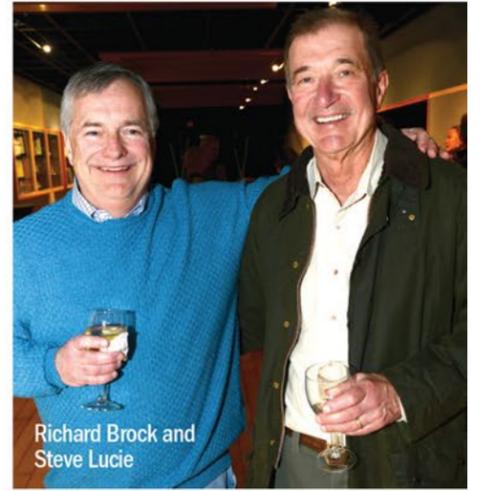
Animal prints and palm fronds set the stage for a jungle safari of food, exotic drinks, and drumbeats from Entertainment and Productions at the 8th Annual Root Ball, celebrating the 40th anniversary of Greenscape of Jacksonville.

“The energy and excitement at this year’s Root Ball was the product of a lot of hard work by The Late Bloomers Garden Club and specifically the Chairs of this year’s event, Paula Skitsko, Marcia Simmons and Marnie Sprague,” said Anna Dooley, Greenscape executive director. “The jungle theme was new and the party was a ‘wild’ one.”



Johnson and Arthur Rubens with Aaron and Erica Gottlieb

Heart Association Tuxes and Tennis Shoes Heart Ball when it was held Mar. 20, at the Sawgrass Marriott. This by Moody Chisholm, president and CEO of St. Vincent’s Mel and Debbie Gottlieb for their dedication to the cause. al health care companies turned out to support this year’s lth and childhood obesity. nually features a VIP reception, dinner, auction and or research and programs that help fulfill the mission of ssociation – to build healthier lives, free of cardiovascular



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Passion for the arts, education and the future

By *Kate A. Hallock*
Resident Community News

When it comes to supporting Jacksonville and the arts, David Stein attributes his passion for local philanthropy to good genes. “My parents were very philanthropic and I learned from them,” he said.

The Steins have been involved with the Cathedral Arts Project (CAP) for 10 years, but offering their time to worthy organizations is nothing new to the San Jose residents. They also list the United Way, Jewish Family & Community Services, the University of North Florida, Jacksonville University and many more among those that benefit from their involvement.

The 11th Annual Spring for the Arts gala honors an individual or couple who are outstanding in their support of the arts and arts education. Stein and his wife Linda are

the 2015 Guardian of the Arts honorees.

“All of us at the Cathedral Arts Project are delighted to have this opportunity to recognize Linda and David Stein as the 2015 Guardians of the Arts for their exceptional efforts to safeguard and advance the arts, and especially arts education, along the First Coast,” said Kimberly Hyatt, CAP president and CEO. “It is because of their dedication, focus and longevity of involvement in arts education that we celebrate their achievements as the 2015 Guardians of the Arts.”

Stein said that he was initially inspired to become involved with CAP to see a friend honored and has stayed involved “for the great work they do.”

Linda Stein explained, “I was inspired by CAP’s commitment to bringing arts into the lives of youth especially those who otherwise might not have the opportunity to be exposed to the fine



David and Linda Stein

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arts. The power of art is that it crosses all socioeconomic and demographic boundaries, and we are proud to be part of ensuring that children of all backgrounds get the chance to benefit from CAP’s programs.”

The Steins have been generous with their money as well as their time.

“Over the course of the Steins’ involvement with the Cathedral Arts Project, their funding has been directed towards strings and band programs at two Title I elementary schools, reflecting Linda’s own personal experience as a music education major at Jacksonville University,” Hyatt noted.

Last year’s event – which honored Susan and Hugh Greene, who are the 2015 Honorary Chairs – raised over half a million dollars to advance arts education for underserved children this school year.

“The arts help to inspire creativity and innovation – especially in young minds,” Linda said. “By investing in arts education, we are helping to ensure that future generations will be able to problem solve and think creatively. We are also helping to create a generation that appreciates and is inspired by art. This will help Jacksonville to continue to be a city that places value in the arts.”

Volunteers make the wheels turn at CHS

By *Kate A. Hallock*
Resident Community News

For many volunteers, choosing where to spend their time is often decided through a personal invitation to get involved with a specific charity. Choosing why to give up valuable free time is another story.

Dee Stoudemire, who chairs the silent auction at the 13th annual Evening of Taste fundraiser for Children’s Home Society of Florida, said she was invited to join the board of directors by fellow board member Lee Mercier.

“I was motivated to join the Board



because my now 18-year-old daughter will soon be leaving for college and I was ready to redirect my energy towards helping those less fortunate,” she said about why she wanted to get involved.

Stoudemire, a San Marco resident, said one of the easiest ways to encourage others to become involved is to make sure that they understand the many

opportunities available to help the Children’s Home Society.

“Fundraising is critical to the longevity and success of the Children’s Home Society but the volunteers are the ones who really make the wheels turn,” Stoudemire noted. “It is important to understand that all of our lives are very busy and CHS understands that. Volunteers should feel comfortable in giving whatever time they may have and not feel guilty for having not done more.”

She said that sometimes people are hesitant to volunteer their time because they are afraid that it will not be enough. “That is not the case at all. Any time one can lend is most appreciated and so very helpful to those receiving it.”

Stoudemire believes that brotherly love needs to start with one’s closest neighbors

and in the simplest of ways. “I am very involved in my community where I live but not in the way most people would think,” she shared. “I truly do reach out to my neighbors and friends within my community but not through any particular community organization but rather in my own personal way.”

Volunteering is not new to the former law firm administrator. Before her daughter was born, she volunteered with Lutheran Social Services and taught English to Bosnian refugees who had immigrated to America from their war torn land. “It was an absolutely amazing experience to see these people assimilate in to our country and now years later witness them being productive members of our community and giving back themselves,” concluded Stoudemire.

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Meninaks feel surge in community involvement

Guest speakers involved in critical local issues

By Greg Walsh
Resident Community News

Jacksonville has many active civic organizations with thousands of members doing good deeds that go unsung.

One such group is The Meninak Club, which is just four years shy of its 100th birthday but is probably not as well-known as some of its civic brethren. It meets nearly every Monday of the year and is composed of about 180 Jacksonville businessmen and women.

“Bringing Help Where None is Available” is the motto of this longtime Jacksonville group, said Larry Cobb, immediate past president.

“The people that really founded our club felt like a single club was the way the community needed to sort of be taken care of. Having separate clubs, rivalries, really wasn’t the best way.

“To this day we are solely focused on the Jacksonville area,” he said.

Once a member, most are hooked, said Cobb, noting the average length of membership is more than 20 years. New club members must be recommended by a current member, said Cobb, whose father and grandfather were members as well. Typical occupations for members include architects, lawyers, bankers and retired and active members of the military.

“Everybody has high character, intrinsic integrity, they are involved in the community outside of Meninak,” he said. “We are looking for people who care about the community, who care about children and they demonstrate that and they are looking for involvement.”

Epping Forest resident Dr. John Lovejoy describes himself as being a Meninak “all my life.” His father was one of the original founding members that broke away from

John Frederick Coats, who is best known for writing the melody to “Santa Claus is Coming to Town,” composed the Meninak song after being cared for by a doctor who was a Meninak Club member. Here are the words:

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the Kiwanis Club to form Meninak.

A member since 1973, Lovejoy said, “As an orthopedic surgeon it gave me a chance to be with regular people in town and keep up with what’s going on in Jacksonville.”

The club’s many projects, such as building a kitchen at the Boys and Girls Club, come to mind along with the scholarships it gives each year, he said. He’s particularly grateful for the club’s financial support of a prosthetic laboratory to treat earthquake victims in Haiti.

Club began in 1929

Officially, the club’s name is the combination of Greek words for “action” and “honesty,” although informally the name was considered shorthand for “men



in action.” The club opened membership to women in the 1990s.

When the club was initially formed in 1929 a key goal was to foster unity between Jacksonville neighborhoods growing on the Northbank and Southbank of the St. John’s River. “In the early days of the club, gentlemen got together to try to sort of foster a real high-level integrity- and community-focused group that was made up of different professions across Jacksonville,” Cobb said.

The club attempted to expand in those early years as well to other regional cities, and even had a club in Havana, Cuba. But it ultimately found those satellite clubs didn’t have the same energy as the Jacksonville members, Cobb said.

That restored focus led to local partnerships with organizations such as the American Red Cross. The club will hold its 82nd Meninak Lifeguard Ocean Marathon Swim in Jacksonville Beach this year.

Many longtime residents will remember the club’s annual charity football game that was held until the 1980s.

“We have tried to do our community project and tried to sponsor community organizations that help youth,” Cobb said. “Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Boys and Girls Club, YMCA, YWC...”

It also partners with Take Stock in Children and Junior Achievement to help identify five Jacksonville high school

seniors to receive college scholarships. “We have a foundation that we are able to fund those scholarships with. It’s really an unbelievable synergy and energy that we have got going,” Cobb said.

The club has generated more news recently by hosting several very topical discussions during its weekly luncheon meetings at the Wyndham Jacksonville Riverwalk, including a forum of key figures in the police and fire pension fund issue. Other recent speakers have included University of North Florida President John Delaney and “Healthy Town” developer Peter Rummell.

A new initiative of the club is mentoring students about the importance of integrity and character. Working with students is “very rewarding and humbling” because it reminds members how difficult being a student can be, Cobb said.

But then reaching out to anyone in need is what the Meninak Club is all about.

“We would say that we provide help where none else is available. We don’t need the glory as long as we know that what we’re doing is having an impact in the community for our community.

“I don’t know if that makes us a little unusual, but at the end of the day we all can feel pretty good about it,” Cobb concluded.

For information about the club visit www.meninak.org.

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Rare disease strengthens woman's resolve

Condition turns her focus to advocacy

By Kate A. Hallock
Resident Community News

Granada resident Jennifer Trednick became a member of the rare disease community almost four years ago when she was diagnosed with Stiff Person Syndrome (SPS), an "orphan" illness affecting less than one person per million.

Trednick's neurological issues began at age 40 in 2009. Her symptoms included an intermittent tremor, numbness, stiffening of the muscles, and an exaggerated

startle reflex in response to unexpected stimuli. After cycling through countless neurologists over what seemed to be an endless journey, Trednick was thankful to be diagnosed locally within 18 months.

Due to the rarity of SPS, Jennifer and her husband Mark traveled to Houston, Texas, to be evaluated by Dr. Joseph Jankovic at Baylor College of Medicine. Jankovic is considered one of the nation's leading neurologists in the treatment of Stiff Person Syndrome and confirmed Trednick's diagnosis.

Stiff Person Syndrome affects the central nervous system and progresses with severe muscle rigidity in the spine and lower extremities, explained Trednick. Chronic pain often leading to impaired mobility, muscle spasms, and an exaggerated posture are common with SPS because few muscles are spared. Individuals living with SPS often have other auto-immune disorders. Trednick has also been living with Type 1 Diabetes (T1D) for 33 years.

"I'm thankful for my former pharmaceutical training and career with Pfizer as a neurology and psychiatry specialty representative, which I believe led to the early diagnosis. The average time to diagnose SPS is seven to 12 years," said Trednick. "Despite physicians' dismissive and conflicting viewpoints, I knew that something was wrong with me as the neurological symptoms, specifically pain and stiffness, continued to worsen. I refused to give up and continued to press for answers at each appointment."

Advocate for others

The mother of two teenagers and owner of an interior decorating business,



Jennifer Medley has also been affected by a rare disease, when her son Jake lost his battle with Batten Disease one year ago this month.



Jennifer Trednick's diagnosis was confirmed by Dr. Joseph Jankovic, one of the nation's top specialists in the treatment of Stiff Person Syndrome, at Baylor Medical Center in Houston, Texas.



Friend and mentor Debbie Richardson, left, has lived with Stiff Person Syndrome for 25 years.

Joujou Inc., Trednick speaks openly about life with SPS and is involved in Global Genes, an organization that advocates for rare diseases and promotes awareness for earlier diagnoses.

Every February 28th is World Rare Disease Day (WRDD), leading in to March, which is recognized as Rare Disease Month. Trednick hosted a gathering of 65 people in her home on WRDD, where a proclamation by Mayor Alvin Brown recognizing World Rare Disease Day in Jacksonville was hand-delivered to the celebration.

"Although I live with a rare disease that affects less than 350 people in the United States, I am not alone because Global Genes is one of the leading rare disease patient advocacy organizations in the world. This non-profit organization promotes the needs of the rare disease community under a unifying symbol of hope – the Blue Denim Genes Ribbon™."

Despite living with both SPS and T1D, Trednick remains hopeful and lives an active life filled with family, faith, friends and her design business. She also volunteers and is a Board Member of the North Florida Chapter of JDRE, the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

"I appear healthy, so one may not guess that I have SPS, take 25 pills per day and undergo IVIG [intravenous immunoglobulin] treatments for two consecutive days every three weeks," said Trednick.

"Illnesses do not define me as a person, but give me an inner strength and voice to bring awareness in hopes to help others who are facing unanswered medical issues get diagnosed sooner," she continued. "I am blessed and forever thankful to Debbie Richardson, my friend and mentor, who I can call any time day or night when unknown SPS issues arise."



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More diamonds for local boys of summer

Baseball League eyes more fields

By Greg Walsh
Resident Community News

If you live in the San Marco area or along Hendricks Avenue just south of Emerson Street, you may hear the sound of people cheering on a nice clear spring evening when the traffic noise dies down for a moment.

Where is that happy sound coming from? Most likely from the hundreds of enthusiastic parents and kids packed at the Hendricks Avenue Baseball League (HABL) fields enjoying America's favorite pastime.

And if all goes well, there may be two additional baseball fields for players 4 to



Artist's conception of new baseball fields.

12 years old to enjoy.

"We can really use the fields," said Doug Oberdorfer, one of more than a dozen parents who donate their time to keep the baseball fields and surrounding area in good condition.

"If you come here on a nice weekend day there will be 500 people here in lawn chairs enjoying the day and baseball; every field will be popping," he said. "That's what they've been doing here since 1947, nearly 60 years."

The baseball association and Hendricks Avenue Baptist Church, which owns the property, are working to raise \$900,000



Baseball action on a recent Saturday afternoon.

to build two additional fields on church property southeast of the main church buildings, make repairs and upgrades to the existing three fields, and create a perpetual maintenance fund.

The expansion project has been in the works for at least four years when league president Tom Osburn, an architect, began drawing up plans for the two additional fields. Only about 10 percent of the goal has been raised through donor pledges and annual players' fees collected by the association, Osburn said, but HABL volunteers still plan to begin clearing the two new field sites this spring.

"We will go ahead and install the clay and the sod ... the fields will be there, they just won't have any of the amenities," Osburn said. "We want to make sure we can get done what we started and we can showcase it to people who may want to contribute."

Last expansion in 2000

Officially named the Hendricks Avenue Community Athletic Association, the baseball league is known for involving many of Oberdorfer's brethren from the Jacksonville legal community over the years who played there and later returned to coach teams and volunteer.

The church owns the property and leases it to the league, which is part of the Babe Ruth Leagues system. Participation is open to all children regardless of their religious affiliation.

It's not the first time for expansion at the ballpark that opened in 1947. In 2000

parents worked with the church to raise funds to install a T-ball field and make substantial improvements to the existing two fields and surrounding property.

Assisting the baseball association is a labor of love for many parents, who donate their time for maintenance. For Oberdorfer, getting to the park each weekend is a welcome break from his day job as a civil attorney.

"My wife says it's my escape and that really is the best way to put it," he said.

The new fields will encourage the same positive atmosphere that the small league of about 300 kids is known for. "The whole premise is the positive family atmosphere ... we want to do it right for the kids."



Park volunteers Matthew Posgay, J.M. Magyar, Jay Kaplan, Tony Martin, Doug Oberdorfer and his daughter, Hannah, and Todd Osburn.

Bursting at the seams

About \$500,000 would go toward site preparation and construction of the additional two fields, plus a storage shed/restroom facility, bleachers, netting, landscaping and batting cages. The church already has parking next to where

the new fields would go.

The remaining funds would break down as such: \$100,000 for a new basketball floor in the church gym, \$100,000 for new batting cages, safety netting, signage and other upgrades at the existing fields and \$100,000 to be invested and provide perpetual funding for the baseball league's upkeep.

Osburn is donating his time to drawing up the architectural and engineering plans, saving about \$100,000 on the overall cost.

League enrollment could nearly double once the new fields are complete, Osburn said. The league is already cramped nightly for space for teams needing practice and there's been a large influx of kids in the youngest age group.

"We are really bursting at the seams with T-ballers. Right now we have 12 player teams and in T-ball nobody sits the bench so that's a lot of kids on the field. Ideally we would like to have 10 kids per team," Osburn said. "Having that additional field would allow us to split those games up."

Small compared to other city baseball leagues, HABL is not for parents who see their child as major league material, Osburn said. However, it does "want to create an exciting brand of baseball where we also teach good values. We are not a win-at-all costs park."

"We have found that kids will stay at this park and play at this park if they start here and enjoy playing," Osburn said. "We want to keep them regardless of their talent level. We want them to stick around as long as they are interested in it."

In Oberdorfer's case, he played at HABL from 1979-88 for teams coached by his father. Now he is coaching the 8-under Orioles with his Benjamin, who began playing with the Orioles in 2010.

"We have a good group of parents that come out for every game and are wearing orange and black and cheer for the team. The kids identify with it and have fun with it," he said.

And now his 4-year-old daughter Hannah began playing. Unfortunately her opening day T-ball game was rained out.

"She wasn't happy," he said. "She said, 'Daddy you shouldn't cancel the game.'"



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Easter bonnets brighten San Marco for decades

By Kate A. Hallock
Resident Community News

For more than half a century, the Easter parade in San Marco has been the highlight of many a shopkeeper's week. Although the route has been modified over the years, the South Jacksonville Presbyterian Preschool children have always filed past the San Marco shops in Easter finery the week prior to Easter.

According to Becki de la Rionda, teacher at the school for 18 years, even rain has not been a deterrent. "The parade has never been canceled to my memory," noted de la Rionda. "Sometimes they have had to have the egg hunt (which follows the parade) indoors due to weather, but the parade has always gone on. Some years the girls might have to wear coats over their dresses, some years they might be sweating, and some years they might have to jump over puddles, but never do they cancel."

The boys and girls wear Easter headgear, made by the parents and their children. The preschool provides the basic supplies. Some hats are very simple, and some hats are very ornate.

The boys' hats are made from top hats and tend to have a theme; for example, bunny, dinosaurs, transportation, a beehive with bees for the Bumblebee class of 4-year-olds. The girls' hats are made from paper plates.

"A hole is cut in the middle, and ribbon, tulle, etc. is wrapped around the plate," de la Rionda explained. "Girls'



Photos courtesy of South Jacksonville Presbyterian Preschool

hats tend to be fancier and feature silk flowers, butterflies, etc. and sometimes coordinate with the child's Easter dress."

During the parade, family definitely participates. Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and little siblings join in on the fun. Some line the parade path as spectators, but most parade with the students.

Preschool a tradition too

It's not just the annual Easter parade that has become a lasting tradition in San Marco. Many of the students are second - and third - generation attendees. Gail Baker, who was a teacher at the

Hendricks Avenue preschool from 1979 to 1999, returned last fall as director.

Baker remembers moms and dads of current students when she taught the parents years ago, including Wes Miller, whose son Able attends South Jacksonville Presbyterian Preschool this year; Daniel Ilano's son Gabe is a student there now as is Finnian O'Neill, whose mother Sara Chilton O'Neill once attended, along with Katie Waggoner Eliopulos, whose son Luke is also a student there and whose mother Jan Waggoner teaches the Bumblebee class.

"Of course it makes me feel just a tad old, maybe 'seasoned' is a better

word," said Baker. "Seriously, to reconnect with these former students who are now parents, and to enjoy their children is very heart warming. The students ask, "You really were my Daddy's teacher...did he behave at school? Did my Mommy color good?"

Baker said it is a joy to see who the former students have become as adults and parents in this changing world. "Community leaders, policemen and firefighters...hard working citizens...awesome parents. We just had our Grandparents Day Celebration, so I loved seeing many of them also, three generations...wow!"

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The Way We Were – Jean and Helen Benjamin



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By Julie Kerns Garmendia
Resident Community News

When Helen Benjamin, 80, first heard about property her father-in-law planned to buy and develop, it didn't sound great. L. Walter Benjamin, Sr. took his two sons, L. Walter Jr. (deceased) and her husband Jean to see woodlands off San Jose Boulevard just south of San Clerc Road. The Beauclerc Country Club and golf course used to be located at that intersection, where Jewish Community Alliance and Villages of San Jose are now located.

"Around 1960 or so, my husband's father drove his sons way out past Bolles High School to look at property," Benjamin said. "They told their father that it seemed pretty far out from town to be building new homes."

Dad Benjamin, as Helen called him, with his partners, the Coleman family of Coleman Printing Company and Ivan Smith of Reynolds, Smith & Hill Engineering & Architectural firm, developed approximately 30 homes on two streets that would be named San Bernardo and San Remo. The neighborhood was called Beauclerc Manor.

"Jean's older brother owned the first home built on San Bernardo and lived there five years before selling to us. When we moved to the neighborhood it was filled with families and children. Our kids loved to play Ghost-in-the-Graveyard with their neighborhood friends," she recalled.

Before Helen even met her future husband she had seen his father in the Downtown Atlantic Bank Building where she worked as a secretary. Benjamin, Sr. was an independent realtor who relocated to Jacksonville in 1934 with his wife Babette Altmayer Benjamin and their two sons. They weathered the Great

Depression by living with relatives on First Street in Springfield. Jean and his brother rode their bikes or a city bus from Springfield to Congregation Ahavath Chesed when it was located Downtown at Laura and Ashley Streets.

Jean graduated from Andrew Jackson High School in 1943 and served in the U.S. Army during WWII. Two years later he entered and graduated from the University of North Carolina before returning to active duty in the Korean War as a first lieutenant.

In 1953, he enrolled at the University of Florida to complete his MBA and met lovely undergraduate Helen Irvin in a university dining hall. The couple married in 1955. Jean had careers in realty with his father and selling life insurance. Since 2005 he has worked at the Duval County Courthouse. He and Helen owned approximately 85 Kiddierama Cartoon Theatres located throughout Jacksonville and other cities during the 1970s.

"We were sure we were going to be rich," they said. "The coin-operated theatres were about the size of a telephone booth with a movie projector inside. For a quarter a child could go in, sit down and watch children's cartoons like Woody Woodpecker. We placed them at Sears, Montgomery Ward's and Dairy Queens. Unfortunately, it was only about eight years before the stores didn't want them anymore and electronic Pac Man machines took over."

Helen Irvin Benjamin grew up on the most famous poultry farm in the Southeast, Pine Breeze Farm in Callahan with her parents James Lawrence and Esther (Boone) Irvin. Her father was the son of a piano and organ salesman who worked for F.O. Miller Pianos in Jacksonville at Forsyth and Ocean streets. Young Irvin, for unknown reasons, started raising a few chicks in one of his dad's discarded organ shipping cases. He became a local authority and speaker regarding the poultry industry for 50 years. Helen had a front row seat on Florida's poultry business when it was still mostly independent farmers.

"My siblings and I grew up on a 900-acre chicken farm in Nassau County, with 25 henhouses, 8,000 free-range laying hens, a cattle herd and tenant-employees who lived in houses my father built for them. We let chickens out in the



1952 high school senior photo



Helen and Jean Benjamin's wedding



Helen and Jean with their children Walter (12), Jimmy (10), Marian (8), Carol (7) and Meg the collie



1955 engagement photo

mornings at first light and got them back in at night and spent summers working on the farm. I loved riding on the cart with the workers to feed twice a day. Dad was strictly in the egg business and only sold his chickens when they were too old to lay. He sold eggs to restaurants until Winn-Dixie needed all he could produce," she said.

After her marriage to Jean, Helen was an at-home mother raising their four children, Walter George, Jimmy, Marian Esther and Carol Phyllis, until 1977. She then briefly worked as a secretary for an insurance company before becoming membership secretary for the Florida Academy of Family Physicians in the Koger Center on Beach Blvd. After 22 rewarding years there she retired in 2000.

The couple enjoy spending time with family which now includes three grandchildren. Helen loves music and learned harmony singing doing dishes at the kitchen sink with her older sister Lillian. She's active in Friday Musicale and Jacksonville Masterworks Chorale. In 2010 she underwent surgery and chemotherapy for breast cancer and is a thankful survivor.

The Benjamin family has a tradition of Scouting and generations of Eagle Scouts. Jean, his brother, cousins and sons all attained the honor. Jean was active with Temple Troop 12 and served as Scoutmaster for years. He also served as Temple Committee Chairman liaison between the troop and congregation. He has been a Mason since the 1950s.

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Last Landon graduating class celebrates 50th reunion



By Kate A. Hallock
Resident Community News

The Sixties, historically notable for many events – among them the first moon walk, three assassinations, the Vietnam War and Woodstock – was also a notable time for a group of San Marco area high school students.

The Landon Senior Class of 1965 was the last to graduate (June 7 that year) from the high school. The following year Landon and DuPont Junior and High Schools became junior high schools and Wolfson High School opened to serve that part of Jacksonville. The Landon High School lettering still graces the school building entrance on Thacker Avenue.

Landon Junior/Senior High School drew elementary students from Spring Park

50th Anniversary of Landon Class of 1965 Sat., Apr. 18, 6:30 p.m., River City Brewing Company

The three-day reunion event includes a Welcome Party at the Homewood Suites/Hilton Garden Inn on Fri., Apr. 17 and a tour of the school. Contact landonclassof1965@gmail.com or (904) 221-5044.

Elementary, Hendricks Avenue Elementary and Southside Grammar School (no longer a school but now The Lofts San Marco).

Anne Rice Barcelo said the Landon Class of 1965 was very tight-knit because most of the students just went to two schools in 12 years. “Some of us knew each other



even before starting school either through church or synagogue kindergartens,” she said. “We were in Scouts together and went to camp together, played ball, or took dancing lessons.”

Beckie Paille Adcox, 50th anniversary reunion coordinator, was one student who attended Spring Park Elementary and has fond memories of those early years.

“I lived in the Mayfair neighborhood when I went to Spring Park and yes, I walked to and from school with my best friends, Anita Tiffany (Dunford), Patti Jo Angel (Brammer) and Linda Rowland (Johns). Of course, on the way home we stopped by Preston’s Pharmacy for a coke every day!” Adcox said. “When I attended Landon I lived in Empire Point and I rode the bus to and from school and we usually went to Mims Bakery in San Marco while we were waiting for the bus.”

Barcelo remembers several teachers with fondness, including art teacher Memphis Wood and an English teacher, Hunter Perkins, who was from Virginia and loved Robert E. Lee. “We gave him a surprise birthday party one morning before school,” she shared. “We had a cake with gray icing, dark red roses and

“Happy Birthday, Robert E. Lee” on it. She was probably the hardest teacher I had but I learned so much from her that I still use today.”

Adcox noted that 22 of her former classmates have passed away. “After the [graduation] ceremony, we were all hugging each other and I realized (and I’m sure many others did also) that I would never be with all these people again after they’d been such a huge part of my life for 6 or 12 years and some of them even more,” she remarked.

The Landon Class of 1965 meets every five years for a reunion and also meets periodically throughout the year for lunch.

“Many of us knew one another as first graders and have maintained lifelong friendships,” said Anita Tiffany Dunford.

Barcelo concurred. “It really doesn’t matter how long it has been since we have seen each other because we just pick up like it was yesterday.”

Of the 250 in the graduating class, nearly 100 will attend the reunion at River City Brewing Company on Sat., Apr. 18. The three-day event includes lunch at Bono’s on Beach Boulevard, a popular weekend hangout during high school years.

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The Children's Home Society of Florida honored San Marco resident Ashley Smith Juarez and San Marco businesswoman Amy Ploss-Samson, among others, at the annual "Awards Luncheon Under the Tent" event on Mar. 25.

The Honorable Ashley Smith Juarez, Duval County School Board vice chairman, was awarded as Public Official of the Year for her efforts in assisting fragile children in the community; her father, Hawley Smith, accepted the award on her behalf. Amy Ploss-Samson, owner of Figure 8 Studio on Hendricks Avenue, was named Volunteer of the Year. She had provide photographic services for 10 years and was touched to be named for the award.

"I have continued to work with CHS

because I believe they are actually making a difference in the lives of children and families," said Ploss-Samson. "I'm very honored to be involved with them in any way possible, and I am glad that I can use my talents to help them continue their good work."

The other honorees included Timothy W. Finchem, Commissioner, PGA TOUR, for the R. David and I. Lorraine Thomas Child Advocate of the Year; CXS Transportation for Corporate Citizen of the Year; Dave and Katie Simpson, Foster Parents of the Year.

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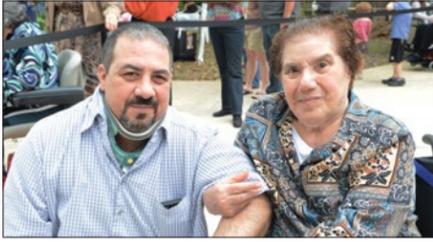
River Garden marks 69th year

Fun, laughter and lots of activity best describe the 69th Anniversary Day Festival at the River Garden Hebrew Home in March. More than 500 people, young and old, gathered on the River Garden campus to join in the celebration, which included a barbeque, pony rides, face painting and clowns, balloon artistry, games and a bounce house. Many also attended the annual meeting of River Garden Senior Services, held in the Cohen Auditorium.

“Anniversary Day is a wonderful way to bring our River Garden family – residents, staff members and volunteers – together with the Jacksonville community to celebrate another successful year,” said Debby Kaye, the Home Board member who coordinated the activities of the day and hosted the annual meeting.



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Former Bloodmobile heading to Haiti

By Greg Walsh
Resident Community News

When Odette Struys learned in 2014 The Blood Alliance of Northeast Florida was planning to retire one of its older bloodmobile units, she immediately spoke up to the organization’s chief financial officer.

“I asked, ‘Can you give it to me?’” said Struys, The Blood Alliance public relations coordinator.

Recalling a Rotary Club-sponsored visit to Jacksonville in 2011 by four Haitian physicians, Struys remembered how they impressed on her that developing nation’s desperate need for mobile health clinics.

“They were part of a Rotary group that came here. We took them on a (Bloodmobile) bus, they were phlebotomists, and they were impressed that (the bus) had air conditioning. Their whole hospital doesn’t have a cooling system,” she said. “That immediately came to mind and I thought ‘I will find a place in Haiti that will need (the retired vehicle).’”

Working with members of the South Jacksonville Rotary Club, of which Struys is a past president, they worked with Dr. William Cody, a Riverside OB/GYN who has done past medical mission trips in Haiti.

He put them in touch with Boston-based Partners In Health and its Haitian

affiliate, Zanmi Lasante, the country’s largest non-government provider of health services with 11 hospitals and additional clinics.

The result: In March The Blood Alliance turned over the title to the 2003 vehicle to a Zanmi Lasante representative, and the vehicle with 103,000 miles was later shipped via Jacksonville-based Crowley to Haiti.

Struys said the Haitian medical staff was “overwhelmed” and appreciative to have the vehicle, which has a replacement value of \$230,000 and had a full



mechanical service before shipping.

“It’s a small idea that really has a large impact on three million people in Haiti,” she said.

Struys also credits the South Jacksonville Rotary Club for creating a committee to research the issue.

“They were behind this 100 percent, giving ideas and assistance,” she said

She noted First Coast Signs also donated new signage for Zanmi Lasante and Rotary International to go on the former Bloodmobile’s exterior.

Medicine or Malarkey?

Does a spoonful of honey help your allergies go away?

Spring is finally here! That means sunshine, shorts and, possibly, sneezing. Those beautiful flowering bushes and trees that herald the arrival of warmer weather can also mean misery for allergy sufferers. With all of the home remedies out there, you may have heard of the “local honey cure.” The idea is that repeated exposure to small amounts of allergens (in this case, the pollen picked up by the bees making the honey) will help an allergy sufferer build up a tolerance and experience fewer symptoms. Also, honey has been shown to be a cough suppressant, and it has some anti-inflammatory effects. But does that add up to a “cure” for allergies?

The answer is no. The purported beneficial effects of eating local honey have not been reproduced in controlled, scientific studies. This may be because the pollen bees pick up (which ends up in the honey) usually isn’t from the oak, ragweed and juniper plants that are to blame for your sneezing fits. Much of the relief people experience appears to be a placebo effect. For now, think of honey as a sweet treat, not a cure.

That’s not to say that some homegrown, nonmedical remedies won’t provide some relief. Here are a few things to try before seeking a medical intervention:

- **Invest in a neti pot**
These teapot-like devices flush the nasal cavity with a saline solution

and temporarily relieve nasal congestion. Just be sure to use distilled, sterile or filtered water and keep your neti pot very clean.

- **Keep your indoor air clean**
This includes closing your doors and windows when the pollen count is high, using a dehumidifier, cleaning floors regularly using a vacuum with a HEPA filter, and replacing your home’s air filter with a HEPA filter on a regular basis.
- **Keep your indoor air dry**
Along with clean air, allergy sufferers benefit from dry air. Invest in a dehumidifier to reduce the amount of moisture in the air in your home.
- **Limit outdoor exposure**
Avoid outdoor chores early in the morning when pollen counts are highest, and wear a protective mask during yard work.
- **Investigate some natural extracts**
Some plants, such as butterbur and spirulina, have shown promise in limited studies. As with any herbal remedy, talk to a medical professional before using these or other natural options.

If you can’t reduce your seasonal allergy symptoms with home remedies, you do have medical options. If your allergies are severe, consider consulting with a primary care physician who might recommend you visit an allergy specialist for testing. If you think you have a sinus infection or simple seasonal allergies, CareSpot can provide quick and convenient treatment. Urgent care: 13 Jacksonville locations, open 7 days a week, extended hours. Visit CareSpot.com to save a spot in line or make an appointment.

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