



DON'T FORGET: It's hurricane season. *Be prepared!*

South Venice Beach Wave

SEPTEMBER 2022

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GENERAL MEETING

**Monday,
September 19
7:00pm**

SPEAKER: Bob Harrington
ABC's Suncoast Meteorologist

Pancake Breakfast!

SATURDAY, September 10



Eggs, Sausages,
Fresh Fruit, and
more—including
new Oatmeal Bar

8:00 to 10:00am
\$8 Members
\$10 non-Members

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Monday, SEPTEMBER 12 at 7:00pm

GARDEN CLUB

Tuesday, SEPTEMBER 20 at 3:00pm

SOUTH VENICE BOOK CLUB

Monday, SEPTEMBER 19 at 1:00pm

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

Thursday, SEPTEMBER 22 at 6:00pm
(at Venice Gardens CC)

Meet the Candidates Night

*It was a great night, in spite of . . . well,
here's what happened*

The Hall was ready. Board members and other volunteers manning the kitchen and SVCA table were ready. All of the candidates had arrived early and set up their tables and signs and displays—they too were ready. As the clock



LEFT, Co-chairs Maureen Holland and Sandy Tulenko. ABOVE, Paul and Duke signing up new members for the SVCA

counted down to the 6:00pm start, we heard a few rumbles of thunder, perfectly normal for August in Florida. **And then . . .**

Then it hit. Thunder to shake the building, multiple lightning strikes all around us, rain so heavy we couldn't see across the street. This was

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FROM DUKE DOOGUE

Message from the President

I can't believe how quickly the Summer has flown by. We are rapidly approaching September and I am expecting the snowbirds to come back, as well as the numerous folks who enjoy our warm weather during the freezing times up North.

The Board has been working to ensure that we will be prepared for the beginning of the season, and I would like to update you on a number of simple changes that we have made to benefit all our members.

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President's Message *Continued*



We will be starting our Pancake Breakfast again on September 10, and Bobby Drummond has stepped in to help with the pancake breakfasts offering one or two extra menu items all for the enjoyment of our members and their guests. I want to thank Cherry and her group of volunteers, who have always done an excellent job ensuring the success of our Pancake Breakfasts

Sandy Tulenko and Susan Juranek have been working hard to put together a great program of speakers for our Educated Consumer series which will start in September again at our first general meeting scheduled for Monday, September 19. I believe that Bob Harrigan the weatherman, will be our first speaker in September, which I'm sure will be a very interesting and entertaining presentation. We are always open to your ideas; on any topics or presenters. Please speak to Sandy Tulenko or Susan Juranek and give them your suggestions.

I want to update you, that after 25 years of great service, one of our air-conditioners in the hall, closest to the bathroom finally had to be replaced. I want to thank the committee of Jim Drummond and Bobby Drummond, for all their help with selecting and purchasing the

new system. A new air-conditioning system has been installed and is working like a charm, much to the appreciation of the folks taking the Jazzercise class, which has been a great success. Classes are now offered in the mornings, and in later afternoons and Karen the lady who owns Jazzercise, reacted to a request we had made that she consider adding a low impact exercise class, which she has now done, and that is also becoming popular. For further details on the classes call Susan Harris, our office manager, at 941-493-0006 and she can give you further details.

The SVCA also recently held a successful Meet the Candidates evening,

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Welcome to our newest members!

Robert McMonagle
Edward and Karon Foskey
Karen Romund

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Board Matters



FROM PAUL GILMARTIN

This column in the Wave is to keep you informed on what your Board is doing, and to provide you with financial reports and a summary of Executive board meeting minutes.

SVCA is always looking for volunteers to serve on the various committees. ***We need your help!!*** In most cases the time commitment is only 2-3 hours per month. We are looking for someone that really likes to post stuff on Facebook, next door, twitter, etc. to help with SCVA event advertising. Interested in flexing your handyman muscles, we always have projects that need support. Also, if there is an event (Bingo, cornhole tournament, Tag sale, art show, movie night, open microphone, etc.) that you would like to host, please contact the **Event Committee Chair** Bobbie Drummond (digslife@mac.com).

Financial Summary: As of July 31, 2022

Current Assets:	\$47,423
Fixed Assets:	\$22,946
Total Assets:	\$70,369
Total Liabilities:	\$ 3583
Total Income/gross Profit:	\$38676
Total Expenses:	\$33617
Net income:	\$ 5071

Members may obtain a copy of Financials from the office during business hours.

Executive Board Meeting Summary:

The SVCA board met on July 25 for a special session and discussed the financials listed above. Other discussion items included:

- All Board members signed the Annual Code of Ethics and Meeting Protocol document
- Discussed duties and responsibilities of SVCA officers and chairpersons. Made revisions to committee organization, standing committees, chairpersons and committee membership
- Discussed Budget Committee report for FY2022 budget. Approved FY2022 budget. Next budget due in December for fiscal year 2023.
- Discussed membership goals for this years membership drive.
- Discussed Buildings and Grounds projects and priorities
- Discussed event schedule from September 2022 to February 2023.

- Discussed Governance Committee work on By-Laws
- Discussed various Hall rental issues
- Discussed meet the candidate night for August 8.

SVCA members can find minutes and agendas at the office during business hours.

MORE . . . FROM SANDY TULENKO



Welcome back to the SVCA. We are looking forward to seeing you all after a two month hiatus.

One of my responsibilities as a Board member is to plan presentations for our general meetings. My goal this season is to bring you speakers who are not only interesting but also educational. Last year we brought you experts in the fields of water quality, legal issues, emergency response, code enforcement and hurricane preparedness. You also got to hear the snake lady and a Shamrock Park naturalist. Top that off with a visit from our County Commissioner and August's Meet the Candidates Night.

Right now, I am working on the 2022-23 schedule. In the coming months, you will learn how to decipher home/flood insurance policies, how the Wildlife Center of Venice works with our community and perhaps even more about animal behaviors, mainly cats and dogs. Another goal of mine is to bring Mote Marine to speak at one of our general meetings. I look forward to your suggestions for topics and/or presenters. Please feel free to email, call or text me with any ideas you may have at Stulenko@gmail.com or call 973-809-7143. Thanks!

SEPTEMBER SPEAKER—BOB HARRIGAN

Our first general meeting this season will feature Bob Harrigan, ABC's Suncoast weatherman who will speak about weather trends from a meteorologist viewpoint . Harrigan has been forecasting Suncoast weather for more than 30 years. Before coming to ABC 7, he was with the National Weather Service as a weather observer and also served as an instructor in weather forecasting and micro-computer classes at the University of Kansas.



Bob always makes sure viewers are armed with knowledge to help them get through severe weather when it threatens our area. He says "The Suncoast is the lightning capital of North America, and it's essential for survival to know safety tips that can save lives." Let's welcome Bob!

President's Message *Continued*

at which we had sixteen of the Candidates running for County and State offices present to answer our questions and state their points of view. Unfortunately, the attendance was reduced by a very heavy thunderstorm, with a lot of thunder and lightning and very heavy rain. However, for those souls who braved the elements, it was a very interesting evening being able to talk to our potential elected officials. A special thank you to Maureen Holland and Sandy Tulenko for their hard work on this project.

We are also continuing to clean up the grounds, and will soon weed the front of our hall, where the weeds have sprung up because of the very warm weather and the great rainfall we have had recently.

We are also in the process of revising and updating all our governing documents, and I would like to thank the committee of Paul Gilmartin, Susan Juranek, Sandy Tulenko, Jim Drummond, and Bernard Doogue, as well as other board members who have helped with useful suggestions.

We expect this process to be completed soon and will then have our attorney review the documents prior to implementing the new documents.

I wanted to particularly reach out and thank Pastor and Mrs. John Meyer, for all they have done for the South Venice Civic Association, and for the people of South Venice, over the 20+ years of John's ministry, at the Fellowship Bible Church. You will be missed, and we wish you a very

well earned and fulfilling retirement. I want to welcome Pastor and Mrs. Don Roach, as the new Pastor, and we wish you continued success in your ministry.

Thank you again, to our members, for your donations, support, and suggestions to help us make the SVCA a very enjoyable venue for our members and for the people of South Venice. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Meet the Candidates *Continued*

NOT normal. We spotted people in the parking lot waiting in their cars because of course it would ease up and then they could come in. Right? Uh-uh. Didn't happen. For a solid hour it continued.

Instead of the expected 200 or so people showing up, far fewer made it. We were concerned — were the candidates unhappy? Nope!

Turned out most of them hadn't previously known each other, especially across parties. And so they visited and talked and laughed. They had coffee and cookies and spent time with those of you who made it.

Over and over they told us they had a great time, that they're rarely in a non-political environment together, rare not to find themselves pitted against each other. They said it felt like a hurricane party! They said 'thank you!' And they all promised to be back if we did it in 2024.

That's how good your SVCA is! A near disaster became a triumph. Thanks to all who helped. (Plus it was lots of fun!)



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SVCA CALENDAR for SEPTEMBER 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Jazzercise 9-10am	2 Jazzercise 9-10am	3
4 RENTAL: Church 10am	5 Jazzercise 9-10am Jazz-LO 10:15—11am Book Club 3pm Jazz PM 4:30-5:30	6 Jazzercise 9-10am	7 Jazzercise 9-10am Jazz-LO 10:15—11am ART CLASS 12-3pm Jazz PM 4:30-5:30	8 Jazzercise 9-10am	9 Jazzercise 9-10am	10 Pancake Breakfast 8-10am
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VOLUNTEERS AT WORK

The work doesn't stop— not even in summer

NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UPS: Rick Boyle, Winnie Boyle and Bill Brennan were out in the heat on July 28 picking up trash on the **Venetian Waterway**. Marla Wilcox joined the same crew on August 13 to do **Seminole Drive**. Thanks all!

The next **Grove Clean-up** will be October 15th when hopefully it cools down. Meanwhile, Ray Broas and Melissa Buehne continue to keep the area groomed. We all pick up debris when we see it and it continues to look good. Two large piles of debris have been removed by the county.

C.E.R.T.: We were happy to learn three more volunteers from SVCA signed up for the **Community Emergency Response Team** at their July joint meeting at Venice Gardens.

This is such a worthy and important program. Stop in at the next meeting and see what we do— Thursday, September 22 at the Venice Gardens Community Center. It might be for you!



SVCA GROUNDS: A huge thank you is due to Bobbi Drummond, Sandy Tulenko, Dianna Brannan, Susan Juranek, Gary and Gail Parker. These stalwarts showed up on a hot Saturday morning in August to weed, trim and generally clean up the grounds in the front of the community building. AND they installed the restored SVCA on the front of the building. It all looks great! Thanks guys! (They're actually in these photos—waaaay in the back.)



Community Improvement Projects

To join one of our teams or learn more about what we do contact:

**Marla Wilcox at 303-818-3641 or
Marlawilcox63@gmail.com**

Alligator Drive Clean-Up

(meet at SVCA parking lot)

Saturday, September 10 - 8:00am

Saturday, December 10 - 9:00am

Seminole Drive Clean-Up

(meet at Quincy and Burke)

Saturday, November 12 - 9:00am

Venetian Waterway Clean-Up

(meet by tennis courts at Shamrock Park)

Saturday, October 8 - 9:00am

CERT: Community Emergency Response Team

Fourth Thursday - 6:00pm

Joint meeting at Venice Gardens Community Center on Shamrock Blvd. New volunteers welcome!

Grove/Seminole Cleanup

(Meet at Quincy near Burke Road)

Bring yard tools and gloves. Trash bags provided.

Saturday, October 15—8:00am

Saturday, November 19—9:00am

Saturday, December 17—9:00am



ART CLASS

Water Coloring with Carol Merenda every Wednesday at SVCA



Monthly sessions. Course starts first Wednesday every month 12:00 to 3:00pm • The full course is \$100 (plus supplies)

New students may register at the class or contact Carol at 941-366-2866 to get started.



Photos from the August Meet the Candidates Night



JAZZERCISE

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at SVCA

Jazzercise AM—9:00 to 10:00am

Jazzercise PM—4:30 to 5:00pm

Group class—incorporates HIT Cardio dance moves with strength training for the ultimate full-body workout.

Jazzercise Lo-Impact—10:15 to 11:00

Focuses on arm strength, leg strength, balance and circulation. Chair & light arm weights will be used.

For information or to sign up, contact Karen directly at 847-361-5810 or just come in and enjoy the fun.!



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A Bit Too Far

Hearing aid technology has been evolving as quickly as our cell phones. Every time a new model is launched by a manufacturer I have to determine how this technology can serve you.

The latest improvement is a geo-tagging program. What this means is your hearing aids can automatically adjust to a specific program based on your location. By using the gps ability of hearing aids, which has been around for years, and combining it with the unique program preference features a new benefit was born, geo-tagging programs.

I tried it out on a client who is a sales person. He visits different locations all with complex and overwhelming sound environments. We set his unique program and geo-tagged the offices of a few of his clients. When he visited his clients, his hearing aids automatically switched to his preferred program. Great. He didn't have to think about it, he didn't have to tap a button, he didn't have to open an app and switch a screen. His hearing aids knew his preference and gave him his best listening experience.

So when did it go a bit too far?

He was driving with his older daughter and they drove past one of his client's places. His hearing aids switched over to his unique preferred program. He described it as, my hearing aids kidnapped my listening. That was his experience. He was talking to his daughter in the car, his hearing aids switched to the unique program. Then he struggled to hear.

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SVCA's MISSION

To protect, preserve and improve our community's character, environment and quality of life, and to bring South Venice together.

We promote the civic, social, intellectual and recreational interests of our community.

**SOUTH VENICE
GARDEN CLUB**

Clippings



The South Venice Garden Club took a 2022

portrait at their May meeting. They took a summer break but resume meeting this month.

Join them here at the SVCA on Monday, September 19—or any third Monday—at 1:00pm. New members are always welcome! Every meeting features a garden-focused speaker, pot luck refreshments, their traditional \$1 plant raffle and fellowship!



FROM GAIL PARKER

What we're reading . . . and our library grows!

We took the summer off and now we're back! The Club will reconvene on Tuesday, September 20 at 3:00pm at the Community center. Meetings will then be every month on the third Tuesday.



The book we'll be discussing this month is an old classic, *The Secret Garden*. At the meeting, we will also chose our book for October. If you are interested in joining us, please join us on the 20th!

Meanwhile, our lending library has been up and running for over a year now and it keeps on growing thanks to your

ongoing donations. You can 'leave a book, take a book' or buy a book if that's your preference—50 cents for paperbacks, \$1.00 for hardcovers. You can access the lending library any Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday between 9:00am and 1:00pm or whenever the building is open for meetings, events or classes.

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Hey! Where is my State of the Market?

Kelley Ann has been granted a brief time off because Covid took her out of commission this month. So now two things are certain—1) our October issue will have a double month of listings, and 2) Covid, having met Kelley, will soon retreat and not dare approach her again!



Get well friend, see you next month!



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