CASTLEBERRY CIRCLE CLUB MEETING HOST GUIDELINES

Castleberry Circle Club (CCC) meetings are held the second Monday of every month except for July and August. These meetings are where members (residents and former residents) and occasional guests can come together in friendship, camaraderie, laughter, and information sharing. We ask that all club members periodically take a turn hosting/co-hosting a meeting. For those of you who have not done so before, there are a number of "veterans" who would be pleased to assist. Their names and contact information are in Appendix A1.

Working with the Program Committee co-chairs -- currently Michelle Adams (603-455-6808 or mllhome67@yahoo.com) and Sue Henry (603-320-1435 or Shenry32162@gmail.com)-- the host/co-host should determine a topic for the meeting. Hosts of the meetings are encouraged to organize low-to-no-cost activities (a non-inclusive list of suggestions is in Appendix C). However, if costs are involved, the original CCC Steering Committee formulated a set of financial guidelines for use by meeting host(s) in planning these activities. This document (amended by the current Treasurer, Carrie Harless, to reflect the club's current financial situation) is Appendix D.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The contract for the Paddock Room at Churchill Recreation Center specifies the Set-up time as 5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and a meeting time of 5:30 p.m. to 8:20 p.m. That means we should be cleaned up and out of the room at that time. If, for some reason, you need an exception to those times, you must contact Jan Davenport at (352) 446-9006 or jan.md@comcast.net.

BEFORE THE MEETING

- 1) Following the preceding month's meeting, send basic information for posting on the website to Frank Stauts at gmail.com.
- 2) At least three weeks before the meeting, send an email to Jeanne Farineau at jfarineau@comcast.net with pertinent information for distribution to all Castleberry Circle residents. If you have a function for which food needs to be purchased or tickets are required, you will want to have people RSVP, so

- you may want to start that process earlier. If you feel they would be helpful, follow-up emails and reminders should be sent to Jeanne for distribution.
- 3) Determine the number of attendees. If an RSVP was not required, figure a maximum of 90 people in the winter, fewer in the spring and fall.
- 4) Determine room set-up: how many tables are in what layout for your program requirements. An additional small table and two chairs are needed in the back corner of the room for 50/50 ticket sales and usually one 6-foot table and three chairs in the front of the room for miscellaneous handouts/signups, etc. You will also have to provide audio/visual requirements, i.e., microphones, etc. Two sample layouts are included at the end of the Appendices, but you are not limited to only those two.
- 5) Communicate requirements to Churchill staff by the week before the meeting. It is recommended that you go to Churchill and talk with the person at the front desk; theoretically, anyone there should be able to assist you.
- 6) Dan and Joyce Erz maintain a supply of the following items for club functions: plastic forks, knives, and spoons; paper plates, napkins, and service pieces (bowls and large utensils); cups; cream and sugar; and salt and pepper. Contact Dan at (605) 305-2709 or erzdan@yahoo.com if you will need supplies for your meeting. You will also be responsible for getting the supplies from them (708 Castleberry Circle) to take to the meeting (and returning leftovers to them). For food functions, you will need to purchase table clothes (any of the dollar stores is a good source). You may request reimbursement from Carrie Harless at (352) 638-1644 or dcharless@comcast.net.
- 7) Vilas Hinkle -- (352) 603-2694 or <u>vilashin@me.com</u> -- will prepare decaf coffee for all meetings.

AT THE MEETING

Either the meeting host or someone recruited to be the MC (see volunteers in Appendix A2) should cover the following topics:

- 1) Preliminary Items
 - a. 50/50 ticket purchase reminder
 - b. Miscellaneous items depending on the program
 - c. Pledge of Allegiance

Note: The activity and business sections can be reversed unless dinner is part of the activity, then the dinner should be "served" first

2) Activity Section

- a. A reflection should be given at meetings where food is served (see sample Reflections in Appendix B).
- b. After dinner, the MC, if the not meeting host, should introduce the host(s)
- c. Meeting host(s) conduct(s) the program and turns the meeting back to the MC

3) Business Section

- a. Announcements:
 - i. Introduce new neighbors and/or guests
 - ii. Couples Golf Results and/or Information
 - iii. Sweet Tees Results and/or Information
 - iv. Sunshine update
 - v. Ladies Luncheon
 - vi. CPR/AED Program
 - vii. Birthdays/Anniversaries
 - viii. Next Month's Meeting
 - ix. Other
- b. 50/50 drawing and prices
- c. Adjourn

POST-MEETING

- 1) Cleanup
 - a. All tables must be free of debris and table cloths.
 - b. Coffee pots must be washed (if used).
 - c. The kitchen must be cleaned up (if used by CCC residents or a caterer)
 - d. Trash can be brought to the dumpster that is not a requirement but a suggestion.

Appendix A1

The following people who have served as meeting hosts in the past have agreed to serve as mentors for new hosts. Please call any one of them if you need assistance:

Jeanne Farineau: (352) 259-5113 or <u>jfarineau@comcast.net</u> Carrie Harless: (352) 638-1644 or <u>dcharless@comcast.net</u> Sue Henry: (603) 320-1435 or <u>shenry32162@gmail.com</u>

Vilas Hinkle: (352) 603-2694 or vilashin@me.com

Bob and Joan Patrick: (352) 633-8568 or bobpatrick224@gmail.com

Appendix A2

The following people have volunteered to serve as an emcee if needed. Please call any one of them if you need assistance:

Carrie Harless: (352) 638-1644 or <u>dcharless@comcast.net</u> Sue Henry: (603) 320-1435 or <u>shenry32162@gmail.com</u>

Barry Killick: (352) 259-4271

Hal Johnson: (352) 391-5884 or hjson1@centurylink.net Bob Patrick: (352) 633-8568 or hjson1@centurylink.net

Appendix B

Reflection #1

For the meal we are about to eat, for those that made it possible, and for those with whom we are about to share it, we are thankful, Lord.

Reflection #2

Let us enjoy good food and good drink, And let us thank all whose efforts have set them before us; Let us enjoy good companionship, And let us each one be good company to the others; Let us enjoy ourselves, without guilt, But let us not forget that many are less fortunate.

Reflection #3

We receive this food in gratitude to all beings Who have helped to bring it to our table, And vow to respond in turn to those in need With wisdom and compassion.

Reflection #4

For the food that nourishes our bodies . . .

For the fellowship here that feeds our souls . . .

For all things good and beautiful with which our lives are filled . . .

Lord, we give our thanks today.

Reflection #5

We bless this food before us,
May we be grateful for our meal,
our family, our home, and our blessings,
Bless those who do not have enough to eat,
May they soon eat their fill and be blessed with enough.

Reflection #6

We are blessed today, with enough to eat,
May we be grateful.
We are blessed with clothes to wear,
May we be grateful.
We are blessed with shelter from the elements,
May we be grateful.
We are very well blessed today.
May we remember that there are many people
who do not have these blessings.
And Lord, may we be grateful enough to help others when we can.

APPENDIX C

Castleberry Circle Club Meeting Suggestions

Food

Chili Cook-off

Corned Beef – St. Patty's Day

Dessert

Hamburgers, hot dogs, etc.

Ice Cream Night

Oakwood Grill

Ollies Frozen Custard

Potluck - Hawaiian

Potluck – International

Potluck - Irish

Potluck - Italian

Potluck - Mexican

Potluck - Pool Party

Taste of Local Restaurants

Thanksgiving Dinner

Entertainment

Cheerleaders

Cloggers

Dynamic Dog Club

Hula Dancers

Line Dance (and instruction)

Local Musical Group (The Dorels, Barbershop Quartet, Mary Jo Vitale, Duo Romantico,

guitar, harmonica, harp, flute, strummers)

Movie Night

Old Time Radio Group

Readings: poetry, comedy, essays, jokes

Square Dance

Twirlers

Villages Charter School Choir (elementary, middle, or high school)

<u>Games</u>

10,000 Pyramid

Bingo

Bunco

Cards

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Casino Night

Charades

Golf Cart Poker Run

Golf Cart Scavenger Hunt

Himalaya Golf – Arnold Palmer Putting Course

Horse Races

Name That Tune

Pictionary

Trivia

Turkey Races

Speakers

Aging Services

Butterfly Club

Gardening/Landscaping Issues

Healthcare Options

Interesting Occupations

Long-term Care Insurance

Operation Shoebox

POA

Sheriff's Dept. (How to Make Your Home Safer)

Travelogues – What I Did on My Summer Vacation

Unplugging From Comcast

VHA

Villages Hospital

Villages Senior Living Options

<u>Miscellaneous</u>

AED (Automated External Defibrillator)

Charity Night (Christmas)

Club Reports - What Other Clubs Do that Make Them Good/Not So Good

Golf Cart Poker Run

Halloween Night

Movie/Book Reviews

Scavenger Hunt

Silent Auction

Spring Fling (picnic with outdoor games)

Valentines Night

CASTLEBERRY CIRCLE CLUB MEETINGS FINANCIAL GUIDELINES

- 1. The club's primary revenue source has been the proceeds from the sale of 50/50 tickets. All attendees are, therefore, *encouraged to participate at a level at which they are comfortable*. Supporting the 50/50 will enable the club to continue to provide primarily "free" activities as we have done in the past.
- 2. Regular expenses include meeting supplies such as table cloths, coffee, coffee cups, supplies (50/50 tickets, Sunshine cards, and stamps), and the website.
- 3. Hosts of monthly meetings are encouraged to organize low-to-no-cost activities. There is no requirement that food of any kind is featured!! However, for other events such as a pizza night or entertainment, the maximum amount per meeting covered from club funds will be \$150, based on the average historical 50/50 proceeds, and that not all meetings will require any expense. The sale of tickets must cover any expenditure above this amount unless the host(s) choose to support the club by funding the excess themselves. Ticket sales may fully fund some special events, such as a professional entertainer(s). Any amount collected above expenses will go into the club's treasury.
- b. A supply of standard paper goods (napkins, cups, etc.) for club functions will be maintained and funded from the treasury. Use of standard items will be provided free for meetings. If meeting hosts require non-standard items, they will be charged against the \$150 per meeting allowance.
- 3. As a goal, a minimum balance of \$300 will be held in the club treasury to cover expenses for the paper products, supplies, and the website. Any amount above \$300 will be used to offset expenses for a holiday party in December. Other special events may be funded as excess funds become available.



