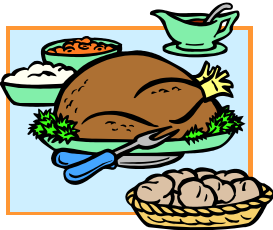


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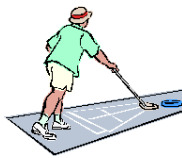
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Braden Castle's Thanksgiving Dinner will be held in the Big Hall at 12 noon on Thursday November 27—ALL ARE WELCOME including your guests. Castle Club has generously agreed to purchase cooked turkeys from Publix for our feast. Join your neighbors for a wonderful meal and fellowship—you need only bring a dish to pass, your table service and your beverage.

Shuffle Club

BC residents are invited to become members of Shuffle Club. Games will begin soon at 1:30 daily; 2:00 pm on Sundays. The monthly Shuffle Club Luncheon will be held at 12:00 noon on Thursday, November 13.



Watch the Board by the Office for events and times that weren't available in time to be included in this newsletter.

Answer to Lateral Thinking Test: The last person took the basket with the egg in it.

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Braden Castle Association, Inc.

Due Date for December
Newsletter Submissions is:
November 22nd



Braden Castle
Recycles
Please use the Bins located behind the garage—placing only recyclable items in the appropriate containers..

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GO Green

To help save paper AND receive your Newsletter even if you aren't here in the park —put your email address in the can in the office to receive your newsletter electronically. Your email address will ONLY be used to deliver your Newsletter.



Thanks, Pat

News from the office:



As our snow birds return to Braden Castle this fall they'll notice new 10 MPH speed limit and stop signs throughout the park. These additions are to address safety issues identified by our residents. Please respect these posted traffic signs.



Seasonal residents are asked to stop by the office and notify us of their address change. When you visit our office, you'll see the monitor for BC's new security cameras. BC has upgraded to video monitoring technology to help ensure the security of our community.



HISTORY CORNER

In the early 1920s, while the cold northern winds blew snow across the countryside, a group of friends from several states came south for the winter months. After a more than two week adventurous automobile trek they reached Tampa where they set up their campsites in a public park. However, local Tampa residents were not very welcoming to their temporary visitors, nicknamed "The Tin Can Tourists," and all too soon kicked them out of the park and the city.

One smaller group branched off and banded together determined to locate a place where they could buy land for their campground, something the original group had been prohibited from doing. They came to Bradenton and camped near the present day baseball training facility while they continued their search.

In March 1924, during their exploration of the area, they happened upon a parcel of land for sale that included the old Braden Castle. A vintage photo from that time shows this group of people perched on large slabs of tabby on the

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castle grounds. They appear quite formal with the women wearing snazzy hats and the men in suits and vests.

While here, they investigated the old water well located just across the road from the castle. When they opened it the water gushed out toward the castle. At that moment, we are told they decided to buy the 34 or so acres in the parcel. The price was \$16,000. Nine men pooled their money for the \$700 cash down payment, followed by a mortgage covering the remainder.

On April 4, 1924 they were incorporated under Florida laws as the "Camping Tourists of America." The Board of Directors was elected with Wm. J. Houck as president, and Russell Vaughn as secretary.

At the time, the land was so over-

grown in every direction and they could not even see the river from the castle. Despite this, they set in motion a plan to create a community consisting of small home sites. Their vision even went so far as to feature a beautiful green space designated as the "Plaza" between the castle and the Manatee River. And so it came to be.

Now, 90 years later, the residents of Braden Castle Park reap the benefit of what our founders created. Our quaint collection of little homes is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places. This designation reflects our community's role as an important and historic part of Florida heritage.



The Singing Christmas Trees
At the First Baptist Church, Orlando

Castle Club News:

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR/BAKE SALE

Friday, DECEMBER 5, 2014
10 a.m. to Noon in Leisure Hall.

EVERYONE IS INVITED

Shop for Gifts, Decorations and Food!
Donations are needed. Do you have a Christmas craft you've made, a special baked good or two, or any Christmas themed articles or decorations, new or gently used, which you might like to donate? Bring them to Leisure Hall on Thursday, December 4th, between 1 & 3 p.m.

LADIES---SAVE THE DATE!

DECEMBER 17th

That's the date for our Christmas Party! Watch for details in the December newsletter.

Friday December 12 Bus Trip

Depart for Orlando at approx. 2:45 pm

From its beginning—**OVER 30 yrs ago**, The Trees have become one of Central Florida's most loved and spectacular traditions! Featuring a huge choir, full orchestra, worshipful dance, powerful drama and a beautiful display of 250,000 spectacular lights—The Singing Christmas Trees is an exciting presentation of Christmas classics and the pageantry of **two 40 foot tall Christmas Trees**. **A buffet dinner at the church** prior to the show includes, garden and Caesar salads, grilled citrus chicken, roast pork loin, roasted potatoes, rice pilaf, vegetables, dinner rolls with butter and fresh coffee and tea. And a not to be missed delicious dessert buffet! Only 80 tickets have been ordered. Your seat will be confirmed upon payment. For reservations contact Linda Perez or Pat Grau here at Braden Castle or Valerie at GEM Travel.

\$99 per person Includes:

- Round Trip Motor coach Transportation
- Scrumptious Buffet Dinner
- 7:30 pm Christmas Tree Performance
- Taxes and Gratuities & Driver's Tip

Payment Due:

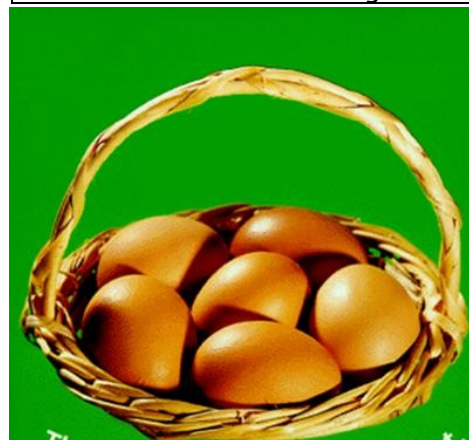
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Checks payable to GEM Travel
Tickets are NON REFUNDABLE

Board Meeting
in the LH
with
2015 Budget
Discussion
Tuesday
November 11th



Answer on Page1



*There are six eggs in the basket.
Six people each take one egg,
how can it be that one egg is
left in the basket?*

This is a test of your lateral thinking ability. It isn't a trick question.



November 2014



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Cards LH 6:30 pm
2	3	4	5	6 Cards LH 6:30 pm	7	8 Cards LH 6:30 pm
9	10 11 Board Meeting LH 10 am	11 Board Meeting LH 10 am	12	13 Shuffle Club BH noon Cards LH 6:30 pm	14	15 Cards LH 6:30 pm
16	17	18 Bingo BH 6 pm, window closes 6:45	19	20 Cards LH 6:30 pm	21	22 Cards LH 6:30 pm
23	24 Bingo BH 6 pm, window closes 6:45	25 Bingo BH 6 pm, window closes 6:45	26	27 Thanksgiving Dinner, BH noon Cards LH 6:30 pm	28	29 Cards LH 6:30 pm
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