

# STRAUS PARK NEWSLETTER

## MARCH 2008

### Master Association Minutes

At the request of the SPMA, the minutes of its meetings will now be published only on the SP website, [www.strauspark.org](http://www.strauspark.org). The minutes may be accessed using the same procedure as that used to access the SP Directory. User name & password are also the same as for the Directory. If you have not previously registered for the Directory, or if you have questions on the publishing of the minutes, you may email me at [m81babe@gmail.com](mailto:m81babe@gmail.com) or call me at 884-4337.

### Calendar of March Activities

- Women's Bridge – Thursday, March 6th & 20th - 1:00 PM
- ECC Meeting – Thursday, March 13th – 10:00 AM
- Pot Luck Group – Sunday, March 16th – 6:00 PM
- Women's Book Club – Monday, March 17th – 1:30 PM
- Master Association Board Meeting – Wednesday, March 26th - 4:00 PM
- Couples Bridge – Friday, March 28th - 7:00 PM

This information is available on the Straus Park website [www.strauspark.org](http://www.strauspark.org), on the "Calendar" link.

### MEETING DAY CHANGES

Please note the change in the meeting days for the ECC & MA Board Meeting. The ECC has been moved to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday morning of every month to facilitate discussion of ECC affairs with the MA at an earlier date each month when necessary. The MA Board meetings have been moved to the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month to avoid conflict with Ladies Bridge.

### Pot Luck Group

March's "true pot luck" dinner will be hosted by Janet Masengill & Shirley Calhoun at the Lake House on Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. The hostesses will NOT provide the main dish, but will provide hors d'oeuvres, soft drinks, & tea. Please bring your favorite main dish/entree, casserole, salad, vegetable, or dessert in an amount to feed 8 – 10 people. If you would like an adult beverage before or during dinner, feel free to BYOB. Call Janet at 884-9339 NLT Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> to coordinate your food item & to allow the hostesses to set up the appropriate number of tables.

### Women's Book Club

Joyce Carney will lead the discussion of "Can't Wait to Get to Heaven" by Fannie Flagg when the Women's Book Club meets on Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at the Lake House. As always, this book may be obtained at Highland Books at a 10% discount to club members. For more information contact the Chairman, Reed Parker, at 883-3258.

## Brevard College Night

Please mark Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> on your calendar as the date to attend Brevard College Night at Straus Park. As the Straus Park members of the Brevard College Board of Visitors, Wes Eastman, Jack & Reed Parker, Al Loftis, David & Linda Neumann, & Trustee Lloyd Fisher will host an informational meeting on some of the exciting things going on at the college including challenges, opportunities & strategic plans. Light refreshments will be served. This event is just for Straus Park residents, so come on over to the Lake House at 7:00 PM & support our representatives' efforts & our college!

## Notes from the President

Like many of you, I've had the flu, & most recently a bad cold. I spent the weekend on the sofa under my "blanky", two or three cats, & a dog or two most of the time, nursing a fever, dripping nose & watering eyes. So forgive the late date of this newsletter. I'm still playing catch up.

In February I attended a meeting of the city officials, William McKee, Steve Hodge, & Billy Harris to continue the efforts to settle the differences between the city & the developer. Some progress was made in important areas & additional meetings were scheduled. Of great interest to SP residents was the concession by the city that the green space around SP does indeed belong to the developer & cannot be taken over by the city.

Billy Harris, the MA Treasurer, & the members of the Financial Oversight Committee met with Robb Baer, the VP of Operations & CFO of IPM, for a briefing on IPM's financial management practices & a discussion of the Committee's needs & expectations on behalf of the SPMA. They were very pleased with Robb's can-do attitude re some specific requests that were made & with the routine financial practices of IPM & have already developed a great working relationship.

I have asked Dick Doyle to Chair a Straus Lake & Trails Committee to oversee the maintenance of these two very important SP amenities. Both have been allowed to deteriorate badly over the last few years, & we must act quickly to bring them back to life. Dick has already done a tremendous amount of research on the lake issue & has a passionate interest in restoring it to its former state, so he is the ideal choice to head this committee.

Remember, your interest & involvement ensures our forward progression. I will always take your phone calls (884-4337) & answer your emails ([m81babe@gmail.com](mailto:m81babe@gmail.com)) if you have questions or suggestions. Thanks for your continued support.

If you would like to be included in the Straus Park Directory or have any changes, additional information, or corrections for the newsletter, please contact the author, Adrienne Fiedler, at 884-4337 or at [m81babe@gmail.com](mailto:m81babe@gmail.com). Thanks for your help.