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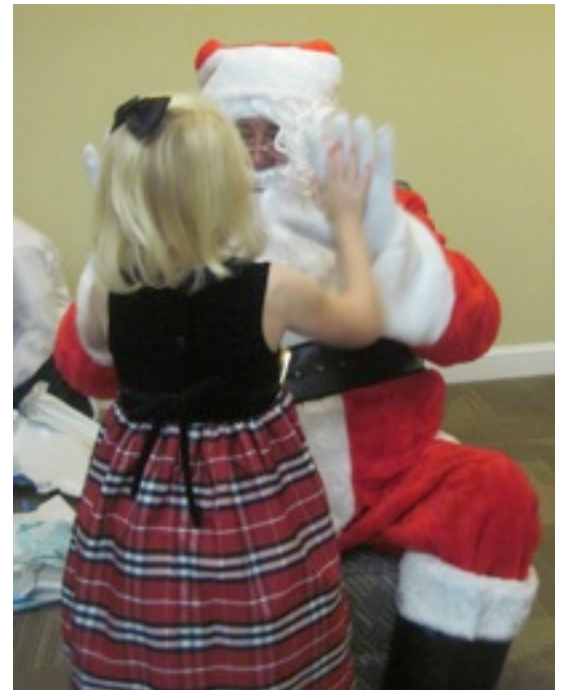
Fall has found all of our kids busy with school work and sports. All of our kids are doing well in school and 10 have even made honor roll! 21 children are involved in some type of extra curricular activity and we are quickly learning that older kids and teens have a very busy lifestyle, as we are their taxis!

Our children are gearing up for the holidays and are anxiously awaiting the arrival of Santa. The season is filled with fun activities and outings, including a trip to Disney World and an overnight stay at the Vistana Resort.

A special thank you to all of you who go above and beyond to make our children's Christmas so special. It is such a treat to see the anticipation turn to pure joy when they realize their Christmas wish was answered, and they get just what they wanted!

On behalf of the Haven for Children kids and staff, we wish all of you a wonderful holiday season and a happy and healthy New Year!

Kim Straehla



Havenly Happenings
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Tee Time: 2012 Golf Tournament

The 11th annual Haven Golf Tournament will be held Saturday March 31st at the Suntree Country Club. The committee is currently seeking sponsors and accepting corporate teams. Individual player sign up will begin after the New Year. For more information contact Alex Rudloff or Pat Hughes at arudloff@gmail.com phughes10@cfl.rr.com

While every attempt has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information in this publication we apologize for any errors or omissions

Please call any error or omission to the attention of the editor and it will be corrected in the next issue.
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Giving Thanks

Judy Roub, Haven Guild President

Hoping each of you had a peaceful, family and fun-filled Thanksgiving. I am sure we have all had our share of hot, cold, minced, chopped, diced, creamed or barbecued turkey to last for quite a while! Now on to a hectic, wonderful Holiday season. Before we get too involved in the next few weeks, I would like to thank each of you for all you continue to do for "our" kids.

The chefs have provided over 1000 meals in the past year, the Lamb Shoppe girls have cleaned and sparkled the store for the season and it has been looking beautiful and doing extremely well. The Havenly Affair was a thrilling success, ending our fundraising year with a real bang. All of this is topped with a special cake and celebration for each child's birthday!

The Guild, once again, has had a busy year and so much to show for it. **I am pleased to announce we will present Kim and the Board a check for \$100,000 this month!!!!** It can't be said enough - THANK YOU to all members, volunteers and donors.

Looking ahead to the New Year, we have included some information about upcoming meetings and events in this edition so that you can mark your calendars. No rest for the weary!

As busy as we all are, please find a little time to thank the incredible caregivers at our three homes, they ask so little and do so very much. Twenty-four hours a day they have open arms for all of the children. Led by Kim and JoAnn, this staff is amazing. We are blessed to have each of them.

I personally wish each and every one of you the most wonderful holiday season. I thank you for your kindness, generosity and support. This guild is incredibly important to the Haven. The homes could not function without you. Keep it up, You're the best!

Judy

Lifetime Member

The Haven Guild Board is pleased to announce that they have celebrated the contributions of founding member **Louise Brosier** by awarding her honorary lifetime membership to the Guild. Thank you Louise for your dedication to the children of The Haven!

Planning for the Future

Pat Hughes, Haven Board President

This is my favorite time of year, a season of giving and sharing. I am excited to share with all of you a new initiative, The Haven Education Fund, part of a Planned Giving program initiated by the Board of Directors.

As you probably know, our mission of caring for our children is broadening with the ages and educational needs of our children. We have children in both public and private schools. Some have very special needs for individual treatment, therapy and attention beyond the realm of traditional schooling. On the other hand, we have children that have been excelling academically and vocationally and it is our hope to provide each of them with the best opportunities to succeed in their lives after The Haven.

All of this will take a source of funds never anticipated in the original vision of The Haven. To that end, the Board is partnering with the Community Foundation for Brevard to establish an Education Fund, where individuals, families or organizations can make donations to support our educational goals, designating The Haven for Children as the beneficiary. Your donation can be made in your family's name, in honor of someone else, any way you choose.

There is a lot more information we can share with you about this new initiative. Please call The Haven or Community Foundation for Brevard at 321.752.5505 and we would be most happy to share all the details and how your special gift will impact our kids lives. Thank you!

Pat

Membership Corner

Welcome to our new members! We hope your experience as a member of The Haven Guild will be rewarding. Your commitment and generosity is appreciated.

**Bonnie Ferragut, Sandy Griffin,
Joyce May, Janet Freeman McManus,
Barbara Rubenstein, Jana Summerall,
Julia Wachowski, Susan Waterbury,
Rosalind Weintraub**

For our existing members, please consider inviting a friend to join us as members of The Haven Guild and share the joy of making a difference in the lives of children! I would be happy to send a membership packet to anyone interested in joining.

You should have recently received your renewal letter and membership envelope for

2012. If you joined prior to Sept. 1, 2011, your membership dues are due on Jan. 1st. Your membership is vitally important to the children of The Haven! Please reaffirm your commitment to volunteer as a Chef du Jour, at the Lamb Shoppe, or in the many, many other volunteer opportunities offered.

Your \$25 yearly membership fees not only help pay for postage, supplies and the annual Guild directory, but serve as your commitment to keep our Confidentiality Agreement, to protect the children at The Haven. Remember, you must be a member of the Guild to volunteer for any of the opportunities offered, so please renew today!

Pauline McKeone
Membership Committee Chairperson
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2011 Havenly Affair

Thank you to the almost 200 individuals who attended the Havenly Affair and all those who contributed to the event. We are so grateful for your generous support.

We recognize these businesses whose donations helped make the event possible

**Brevard Business News, Genna Jewelers,
Hoover A/V, Petty's Meat Market, and the Hilton Melbourne Rialto**

Havenly Affair Benefactors

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EDITORS NOTE: We will recognize individual & corporate donations made directly to the Haven in the 4th Quarter in the next edition



Havenly Affair 2011
"The Premiere"



Act I, Scene 1

The glamorous evening begins with guests arriving for cocktail hour via the red carpet, through the velvet curtains into the beautiful Grand Ballroom of the Hilton Melbourne Rialto Place!

Act I, Scene 2

After enjoying the cocktail hour and sampling fine wines donated by Petty's Market, the Orlando Mystery Sleuth Theater treats guests to a fun filled, slapstick murder mystery performance.

Act 1, Scene 3

Guests enjoy a sumptuous dinner of their choice, topped off with scrumptious red velvet cake for dessert, and continue sampling Petty's fine wines and cocktails provided by the Hilton.

Act 2, Scene 1

Guests are asked to participate in the play by questioning the suspects to answer the all-important question... WHO DUNNIT?

Act 2, Scene 2

The murderer is revealed!!! Did you guess the culprit? If you did, you are now the proud owner of a spyglass, designed especially for this evening!

Act 3, Scene 1

And the winner is...Alice Mirth!

Alice won a pair of beautiful earrings donated by Genna Jewelers.

Grand Finale

Nearly 200 guests attended and over \$65,000 was raised for The Haven at The Premiere!

Prologue

Bryan and Judy Roub host a splendid thank you cocktail party on November 10, 2011, at their beautiful home for all the benefactors who supported The Premiere!

We would have been unable to have such a wonderful and successful event without the support of our benefactors, guests, and committee members. On behalf of The Haven Guild, we would like to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude for all those who took the time out of their lives, and finances from their wallets to attend the Havenly Affair 2011.

Havenly Affair co-chairs,
Victoria Wilmarth, Pam Whittington, Ellen Parda



COOKS CORNER

HOLD THE SAUCE!

While you can't go wrong with Spaghetti, feedback from the kids and caregivers suggests that if doing a pasta dish, consider bringing the sauce on the side. Some like a little, some like a lot!



Also, help mix things up with a nice Alfredo, Creamy Pesto, Parma Rosa, Garlic Herb or Four Cheese sauce instead of the classic red tomato sauce. There are cheap, easy and delicious powder packets in the sauce aisle for these and other unique pasta sauces that help give the kids variety, while making it easy for our Chef du Jour.

As Judy said, a big THANK YOU to the many Chefs who helped feed our children over 1,000 delicious meals and save The Haven thousands and thousands of dollars this past year. This quarter, we are especially grateful for Karen Hagen who stepped up to do double duty cooking meals AND made a financial donation to cover additional meals, as well as the ladies of Pine Creek community who have banded together to form several cooking groups!

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Haven II & III Coordinator: [Shauna Brown, 258-2292, Haven@drimplant.com](mailto:ShaunaBrown@drimplant.com)

Go to: <http://www.google.com/calendar> Enter email address: thehavenflorida@gmail.com Password: thehaven2

FROM THE FIELD: LAMB SHOPPE UPDATE

The Lamb Shoppe is a project of The Haven Guild.

So join up and join in the fun!

Contact Susie Morris
Lamb Shoppe Chairperson.
for information.

779-1615

**1765 S. Patrick Drive
Indian Harbour Beach**

**Open Monday-Saturday
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

The Shoppe had a successful and busy fall bringing out Halloween costumes, the second annual Bling Fest, and a huge clean out and transformation for the holidays.

Our customers have had nothing but great things to say about all of these special events and promotions, and we have the sales receipts to back it up!

Thank you to all of the volunteers who help sort, hang, ring up and throw out! It is a team effort and we are so grateful for you!

Susie

This Issue's Featured Lamblettes

Front Row: Marilyn Peasinger, Joyce Bornmann, Melody Stillie

Middle Row: Sunny Rudloff, Susie Morris, Patty Montello, Judy Anderson, Diane Heldreth

Back Row: Judy Roub, Carol Cook



Meet Mr. Don

Mr. Don started with his lovely wife as our "cookie people" about 15 years ago. His wife would bake cookies each Monday for our children and Mr. Don would help her deliver them. After his wife passed he continued to bake each week in her honor.

About 10 years ago we realized that he was an expert in fixing bikes, and with 31 bikes we needed a resident expert! We initially asked for his help fixing just one bike, but from there it grew... before he knew it he was our resident handy man! No task is too small or too large for him - just ask our kids and they will tell you "Mr. Don can do anything!"

Mr. Don has become great at reading our kindergartners notes asking him to fix their favorite toy or make their bike faster. And even Santa asks Mr. Don for help making sure all his deliveries have batteries and are ready to go on Christmas Morning.

We are so thankful for our Mr. Don!!!!



Inspire a Dream

Every child dreams that one day they will be the best scientist, photographer, baseball player, ballerina, or something special.



Inspire that young child now by providing them with an opportunity to attend a special summer camp program. Make one of your holiday gifts a donation to The Haven for Children earmarked for their 2012 summer camp fund. Help a child to experience a dream come true.

Advocacy In Action

Growing our support base in the community is critical to our continued success providing exceptional care for our children.

Help us spread the word about The Haven for Children by inviting a speaker to present to your business, professional, school, church or personal organization.

We promise an informative presentation!

To schedule a speaker contact
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Education/Advocacy chairperson
at 321-773-3302
or email thehaven@cfl.rr.com

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but we can start, one child at a time.**

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Mark Your 2012 Calendar

Thursday February 16th at 11:30am

The Haven Guild Semi-Annual Luncheon at the Eau Gallie Yacht Club

Sunday March 11th at 3pm

Concert at Suntree United Methodist to benefit The Haven

Saturday March 31st at 7:30am

30th Annual Running of the Downtown Melbourne 5k (Benefiting The Haven)

Saturday March 31st at 1pm

11th Annual Haven Challenge Golf Tournament at Suntree Country Club

Tuesday April 17th 2pm

Haven Birthday Party at the home of Judy Roub