

# The Beauvii



A newsletter published by the  
Sarasota Shell Club

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[www.Sarasotashellclub.com](http://www.Sarasotashellclub.com)

We meet on the 2nd Thursday, 7:00 pm  
(September to April)  
Bee Ridge Presbyterian Church  
4826 McIntosh Rd  
Sarasota, FL

April 2022 Edition



Hello Fellow Shellers!

I'm so sad that this will be my last message as President for a while, but I will still be on the board to help the new administration with any problems that may arise.

We have a last minute opportunity for a field trip to Kice Island for those that may be interested. The Englewood Club has a trip to Kice out of Caxambas Marina on Marco Island on Thursday, April 14, at 7 AM. Cost is \$90 including tax and tip. You will spend three hours on Kice shelling. I believe they have six spots left but they will go fast. Please call Marty Atkins at 1-203-592-4040 as soon as possible.

Our annual End-of-Year-Picnic will be Sunday, May 1st (May Day!) at Coquina Beach from 10 AM until ???.

We have the big pavilion at the south end of the park reserved. We will have lunch delivered to the park from Hickory Hollow restaurant in Ellenton. DE-LISH! There will be pulled pork and pulled chicken on the menu. The sides will be green beans, corn pudding and coleslaw. They will also provide Iced tea, both sweet and unsweet, lemonade and water and plastic ware. The cost will be \$12 per person and it is well worth it! If you've ever eaten at Hickory Hollow then you know how good it is. Please pay with A CHECK (NO CASH!) made out to Sarasota Shell Club and send it to me at 5306-36th Ave Circle West, Bradenton, FL 34209 by April 20 to reserve your spot or bring your check to this month's general meeting on April 14. Also, we would love everyone to bring your favorite dessert to share...YUM YUM! I can't wait! Great food and maybe some shelling to boot! To make the picnic even more enjoyable, bring a chair, towel, sunscreen, beach shoes, camera and even a game to share and we will have lots of FUN!

Happy Shelling . . . Sally  
President

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## Slate of Officers & Directors for 2022-2023

**President:** Duane Kauffmann  
**Vice-President:** Carol Mae  
**Treasurer:** Alan Banko  
**Secretary:** Lynn Gaulin

### Directors:

**Sally Peppitoni (3)**  
**Karen Huether (3)**  
**Donna Krusenoski (2)**  
**Rich Cirrantano (2)**  
**Ron Bopp (1)**  
**Nancy Cadieux (1)**

**Important: Come to the April meeting and vote for our new Officers & Directors!**

## Members Helping at the Show



Donna Bartels



Linda Greiner



Danne Kauffmann



Gordon Fushikoshi



Donna Bigham



Nancy Cadieux



Terry Jones



Joan Zabor



Donna Cassin



Joanne Walsh



Allan Banko



Fran Schlusemann

## More Members Helping at the Show



Rich Cirrintano Amy Bentley & Beverly Root



Lou Cirrintano, Carol May & Michael Poritz



Dee Rogy, Donna Krusenosky & Marilyn Reed



Judy & Jim Wedge



Marcia Glenwright & Karen Banko



Frankye Grover & Sandy Smyser

## And even more Members Helping at the Show



Sandi Sameuel & Judy Van Pattern



Gary Martinez & Sandy Smyser



"Hear no Evil—See no Evil—Speak no Evil"  
aka Ron Bopp, Greg Curry & Doug Thompson

# Free

25 or so vintage Pottery & Ceramic  
Magazines - I can bring to the April  
Meeting. Otherwise they will be discarded.  
Please call me at 918-527-0589 or email  
at [rbopp1@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:rbopp1@tampabay.rr.com)

## Our Shell Show Dealers



Paul Lamb, Dealer & Member



Joan Haughwout, Dealer



Katrina Meyer, Dealer



Sue Hobbs, Dealer & Member



Susan McNichol, Dealer



Mary Jo Bopp, Dealer & Member



Randy Allman, Dealer



Geni O'Brien, Dealer



Dan Porsi, Dealer

## APRONS COOKING CLASS

Donna Cassin, Marilyn Reed, Bruce Paulson, Colleen Fosnough and Carol Mae braved the culinary world on March 22nd. at Publix Aprons Cooking School with head Chef Jim. We collect seashells, so how many of them, can we consume and how are they cooked?

Our first foray was a new recipe and the history of Oysters Rockefeller. It was absolutely dellissh!

Of course, since this was a “hands on” cooking class we all did our share of mise en place, prepping the ingredients. Donna C. became an expert with chiffonading thyme and rosemary. Bruce and Marilyn were busy cracking eggs.

Colleen had the expertise with the pastry bag and the chocolate mousse. Carol learned to grill radicchio and stir in mushrooms..



Beginning class—listening to Chef Jim.

We did bacon-porcini pate crostini, peach chutney, oyster Rockefeller, duck breast roulade, grilled radicchio, orange, and shaved percorino, fig and port wine reduction, and classic chocolate mousse.

The aromas had us salivating and we sampled as we progressed. You can all see our happy faces with the wine at the end of class

Carol Mae



Oysters Rockefeller.



Marilyn & Bruce cracking eggs.



Carol, auteing the ingredients for the crosti.



Happy campers at the end of the cass.

## March Meeting Photos



Meridith Blain presenting a talk about sea shell photography, all the time using just our cell phone.



Some of Meridith's photography was on display.



Lisa Kinney describing her Scotch Bonnet shell while wearing her Scotch Bonnet.

## April Meeting Program

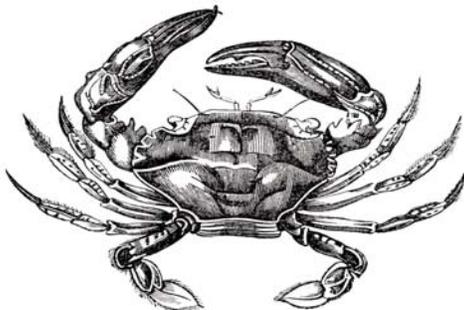
### *Shelling in Guaymas, Mexico*

by Ron Bopp

### Donation

At the March meeting the shell club received a donation of 25 to 30 *Sea and Shore* magazines from Steve Maddocks (Pacific Shell Club). Thanks, Steve.

Also included were pottery and ceramic magazines to be passed on to any club members interested (see note on page 4).



## Field Trip to Gary Schmelz's Home



The main attraction to Naples and the visitation with Gary and Bernice Schmelz was the silent auction of many varied fossil items. Above Gary is showing us the shells and bid sheets. All 12 members attending came away with lots of prized fossils, some as old as 18,000,000 years.



Your Editor holding up a menu board at Little Bar restaurant in Goodland, Florida. All seemed to enjoy the seafood and other menu items.

Conch Chowder	6.25	Vegetable Beef Soup	4.95
Black Bean Soup	4.25	Stone Crab Claws Starter	4.95
Little Bar Chili	4.95	Conch Fritters	6.95
<b>Appetizers</b>			
Blackened Shrimp	15.95	P.E.I. Steamed Mussels	11.95
Mozzarella Marinara	6.50	Fish + Chips	19.95
Smoked Fish Spread	7.50	LBLT	26.95
U-Peel Shrimp 1/2 lb	12.95	Ribeye Sandwich	11.95
Fried Calamari	11.50	Shrimp	22.95
Grouper Balls	the pair 2.50	Wahoo	21.95
Asparagus Salad	6.95	<b>Cherry Sangria</b>	
Marinated Herring	6.25	1/2 Fried Calamari, Bayou Style	6.95
<b>Buffalo Style:</b>			
Shrimp	7.95	1/2 Fried Calamari, Bayou Style	6.95
Frog Legs	11.25	1/2 Fried Calamari, Bayou Style	6.95
Chicken Strips	5.50	1/2 Fried Calamari, Bayou Style	6.95
<b>Entrees</b>			
Grouper	Sandwich or Platter	market price	
	<i>fried, broiled or blackened</i>		
Mahi Mahi	Sandwich or Platter	19.25	
	<i>fried, broiled or blackened</i>		
Soft Shelled Crab	Sandwich or Platter	market price	
Sea Scallops	<i>broiled or fried</i>	26.95	
Fried Oysters		19.95	
Fried Shrimp		22.95	
Almond Fried Shrimp		23.95	
Frog Legs		19.95	
Fried Chicken Strips		9.95	
BBQ Pork Ribs		18.95	
Liver & Onions w/	mashed potatoes & veggies	13.50	
Kielbasa & Kraut w/	mashed potatoes	10.95	
Seafood Salad Royale		15.25	
Chef's Salad		11.95	
Mixed Baby Greens Salad			
w/ Shrimp	22.95	w/ Chicken	12.95
	<i>fried, blackened or grilled</i>		
<b>Sandwiches</b>			
Chicken Breast	grilled or blackened	11.95	
Liverwurst & Bacon		10.95	
Classic Reuben		12.95	Turkey Club 12.95
Cheeseburger		10.95	Patty Melt 12.95
Grilled Hot Dog		8.95	Chili Cheese Dog 9.50



Members awaiting their meal at the Little Bar restaurant.



A display of fossil shells at the local museum.

## Interesting Shell Show Photos



## Historian's Report

### 50 Years Ago

The handwritten minutes of the April 13, 1972 meeting of the Sarasota Shell Club indicate that 31 members and guests were in attendance. Treasury balance of \$1340.33.

The president noted that the bylaws did not mandate a nominating committee, thus election of officers would take place via nominations from those present. The offices of Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary were filled in this manner. There were no nominations for President!

There was a brief program on the “habits of shells.”

### 25 Years Ago

The Sarasota Shell Club meeting of April 10, 1997 was attended by 19 members and 5 guests.

Donations of \$1000 to Mote Marine and \$1000 to Carefree Learner were noted. Picnic is to be May 3. Officers for the following year were elected. Debbie Ingrao was elected as president.

Fran Schlussman gave mini ed program on handcrafts she has made from shells. Peggy Williams gave the program focused on her recent trip to Venezuela.

Duane Kauffmann



President-Nominated Duane Kauffmann, with his book *Miniatures and Micros*.

## Schedule of Events



Tuesday May 31	Opening Ceremonies COA Board Meeting Programs Silent Auctions Welcome Party
Wednesday June 1	Programs Silent Auctions Oral Auction
Thursday June 2	Programs Silent Auctions Banquet
Friday June 3	Club Rep Breakfast Programs Silent Auction Bourse
Saturday June 4	Bourse

## Contacts

### Convention Chairperson

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### Treasurer

Steven Coker 979-297-0852  
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### Programs

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850-837-2086  
jillo43@comcast.net

### Silent Auction

John Jacobs 813-309-2608  
johncheryl@earthlink.net

### Bourse

Lucy Clampit 281-450-5950  
lclampit@comcast.net

### Welcome Party & Banquet

Linda Green 407-810-8437  
lindakgreen@entouch.net

### Registration Forms

Future posting of 2022 COA Convention registration forms will be available at:  
[www.conchologistsofamerica.com](http://www.conchologistsofamerica.com)

## Welcome to the Lone Star State



May 31 - June 4, 2022

Moody Garden Hotel, Spa, & Convention Center

One Hope Boulevard  
Galveston, Texas 77554  
409-744-4673

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## Convention Hotel

Moody Gardens  
Galveston, Texas



Standard Room Rates - \$179 plus 15% tax (1-4 guests)

The contemporary architectural design of Moody Gardens is visible throughout the hotel, combined with lush flowering plants, cascading waterfalls and natural lagoons setting the tone for an unforgettable experience. The resort is equipped with 428 luxurious guest rooms, 15,180 sqft ballroom, 60,000 sqft exhibit hall, complimentary onsite garage parking, complimentary WiFi, fully equipped business center, and a variety of on site restaurants and bars.



Enjoy the Rainforest and Aquarium Pyramids, MG 3D and 4D Theaters, Discovery Museum, 20,000 Leagues Interactive Adventure, and the Colonel Paddlewheel Boat all located on site at Moody Gardens.

As part of your registration you will have the option to purchase discounted tickets for unlimited visits to all of Moody Gardens' on site attractions.



## Exploring Galveston Island

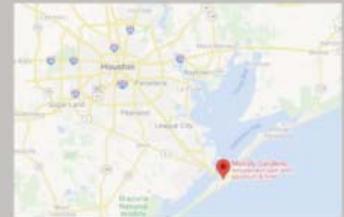


Hop on the Galveston Island Trolley at the Moody Gardens' stop to explore sites along Seawall Boulevard or Historic Downtown.



Visit Galveston's 32 miles of sandy beaches, the Mary Moody Northern Mansion, Bishop's Palace, the Tall Ship Elissa, and the Railroad Museum. The Strand Historic District offers an array of retail shops, restaurants, pubs, and art galleries in a Victorian setting. For the adventure seekers, stop by Schlitterbahn, the world's most popular water park.

## Transportation



### Airports

(No direct air service into Galveston Island)

*William P. Hobby Airport (HOU)*  
(Closest major airport to Galveston Island)  
Allegiant, American Airlines, Delta, & Southwest

*George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH)*

(Located on the north side of Houston)  
American Airlines, Delta, Southwest, United, and all other major airlines

### Shuttle to Hotel

(Additional fee, not provided by hotel)  
Galveston Limousine & Transportation  
409-744-5466 [www.galvestonlimo.com](http://www.galvestonlimo.com)

SARASOTA SHELL CLUB MEETING MINUTE  
MARCH 10, 2022

President Sally Peppitoni called the meeting to order at 7 PM and asked if guests were present. Meredith Blain, the program speaker had her mother, and two other guests present, from the Englewood Shell Club.

Meredith Blain, who is co-president of the Englewood Shell Club and an award-winning photographer, presented a program on Seashell Photography, with ideas on how to use photography by the Club to get to media, and outreach programs. She illustrated and explained how to use your iPhone to take pictures of shells, edit the photos, and organize the photos with different apps such as Snapseed. Her photos were impressive.

**Secretary's** report was accepted as printed and handed out at the meeting as the Secretary, Lynn Gaulin was absent.

**Correspondence:** Thank you notes were sent to Jim Brunner judges at the Shell Show, and Roger Portell.

**Treasurer's** Report presented by Treasurer Karen Huether: Shell Show had total proceeds of \$13,998.87 and was more for a two day show than a longer show in the past. After expenses and taxes, the balance in the account is \$25926.99, however, not all expenses have been received.

**Committee Reports:**

**Shell Show:** Donna Cassin was very pleased with the Shell Show and all the volunteers that pitched in to help, including Sally's high school volunteers that came to help pack up and load the truck on Sunday.

**Program:** Duane Kauffmann reported there was no program scheduled for April

**Librarian:** Duane reported that the library has been redone and there will be an update on the Shell Club's website.

**Membership:** Donna Krusenoski was not present, therefore no report.

**Field Trips:** Gary Martinez was not present but sent a request for constructive feedback and suggestions for future field trips.

**Web Page:** Bruce Paulson was not present therefore no report.

**Newsletter:** Ron Bopp reported that next month's edition will have lots of pictures.

**Education:** Lisa Kinney reported on the Scotch Bonnet while wearing her own Scotch plaid beret.

**Sunshine:** Frankie Grover was not present, but it was suggested that notes be sent to Al Banko and Lynn Gaulin.

**Artisans:** Donna Bartels was not present, but Donna Cassin reported that the Artisans were working feverishly on items for the upcoming Sarasota County Fair.

**Old Business:**

**Sarasota County Fair:** Donna Cassin passed around a signup sheet for volunteers for the 10-day fair, March 18<sup>th</sup> to the 27<sup>th</sup>. Last year the Artisans made \$2100. The Artisans booth will be in the Ken Clark building. Volunteers will receive free admission to the Fair.

**Nominating Committee** presented the proposed slate of officers and directors:

President: Duane Kauffman

Vice President: Carol Mae

Treasurer: Al Banko

Secretary: Lynn Gaulin

Directors: Donna Krusenoski, 2 yrs

Rich Cirrintano 2 yrs

Ron Bopp 1 yr

Nancy Cadieux 1 yr

Sally Peppitoni and Karen Huether Directors at Large

**End of year picnic:** Will be held at the Southern pavilion at Coquina Beach on May 1<sup>st</sup>, at 11 am. Food will be obtained from the Hickory Hollow Restaurant on Rte 301 in Ellenton.

**New Business:**

Elections will be at the April meeting with nominations from the floor accepted.

Annual Donations: \$1000 to New College Scholarship. As part of the donation, the Club will request a tour of the Marine Science Department or request that the recipient(s) speak to the Club at one of the Club's programs.

Carefree Learner: \$1200

Bailey Matthews Museum: \$250

Dupont Award: \$100 for a Shell Show recipient

Duane Kauffman made the motion to make these donations, Karen Huether seconded; motion passed.

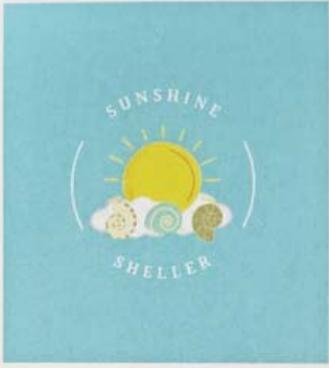
**Door Prizes:** Sally and Rich drew the winning numbers

**Adjournment:** 9:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Walsh

Acting Secretary#



Meredith Blain  
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New

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Ron Bopp—Collector/Shell Show Displays

Interests: Bursidae, Conidae, Halotidae & FL Fossil Shells  
918-527-0589 rbopp1@tampabay.rr.com



### Business Card Advertisements

Business cards (shell-related) may be used as advertising at a rate of \$25.00 per club year (up to nine issues). If you wish your business card to appear in each issue of *The Beauii*, please send it, along with a check (for \$25.00), made out to the Sarasota Shell Club, to the Editor, 2608 67th St. W, Bradenton, FL 34209.

To clarify, the \$25.00 pays for your card to appear in each issue of the 2021 - 2022 *The Beauii*.

### Classified Ads

Classified advertising rates (per issue): \$10.00 per ad (non-Sarasota Shell Club member, \$20 per ad). Ads will be no more than 35 words per ad, the first few words in **bold print** (see example below). Ads shall be limited to shell or shell-related material.

All classified ad material plus payment (a check made out to Sarasota Shell Club) should be mailed two weeks before the upcoming issue (to be sure it is included in that issue) to the Editor at 2608 67th St. W, Bradenton, FL 34209.

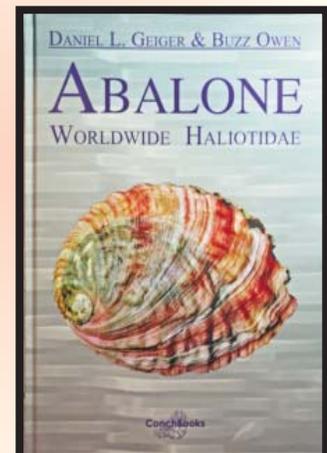
### Library Notes

Our Sarasota Shell Club library is located at the Bee Ridge Presbyterian Church in Sarasota. A list of our books is on our website [www.sarasotashellclub.com](http://www.sarasotashellclub.com). For more info on some of our books, go to [www.mdmshellbooks.com](http://www.mdmshellbooks.com)

Books in the Sarasota Shell Club Library can be accessed by contacting Duane Kauffmann at 574-238-4554 or [duanerk@goshen.edu](mailto:duanerk@goshen.edu). In addition persons needing information about shells and shelling can be assisted in contacting club members with relevant expertise.

There is a whole world of seashells and marine life out there!

Duane Kauffmann (Senior Librarian)



## Officers & Board Members

President	Sally Peppitoni
Vice-President	Duane Kauffmann
Treasurer	Karen Huether
Recording Secretary	Lynn Gaulin

Board Members: Donna Krusenoski (3); Rich Cirrantano (3); Ron Bopp (2); Nancy Cadieux (2); Carol May (1); and Donna Cassin (1)

## Committee Chairmen

Artisans	Open
<i>The Beauii</i>	Ron Bopp
Historian	Duane Kauffmann
Field Trips	Sally Peppitoni
Librarian	Duane Kauffmann
Membership	Donna Krusenoski
Shell Show	Board
Sunshine	Frankie Grover
Webmaster	Bruce Paulsen

Contact the Editor - email Ron Bopp at rbopp1@tampabay.rr.com or call at 918-527-0589 if you have something to include in *The Beauii*.

## Calendar

SSC Membership Meeting	April 14, 2022
SSC Club Picnic	May 1, 2022
COA Convention	May 31 - June 4, 2022

**Meetings** are held on the second Thursday of September through April at 7:00 pm.

**Dues** are \$30.00 for new single members and \$40.00 for family members (at the same address). **Renewals** are \$25.00 for single and \$30.00 for family.

If you want *The Beauii* printed and mailed it is an extra \$15.00 to your dues.

**A 2021—2022  
Membership  
application  
is attached to  
this  
Newsletter**

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## Past Presidents of the Sarasota Shell Club

Jack Oberle: 1963-1965, 1968-1968, 1972-1974	Vi Hertweck: 1982-1984	Cathy Hollar: 1999-2001 2003-2004
Louise Danforth: 1965-1967	Richard Forbush: 1984-1985	Bob Horton 2004-2005
Franck Rinck: 1967-1968	June Bailey: 1985-1987, 1995-1997, 2002-2003	Joanne Chmielewski: 2007-2010
Thomas Robertson: 1969-1970	Bob Hansen: 1987-1988	Ron Bopp: 2010-2012
Evelyn Bradley: 1970-1972	Beverly Chouinard: 1989-1991	Dennis Sargent: 2012-2014
Charles Hertweck: 1974-1979	Bonnie Christophel: 1990-1992	Sally Peppitoni: 2014-2022
Peggy Williams: 1980-1982, 1988-1989, 1992-1994, 2001-2002, 2005-2007	Pat Amsel: 1994-1995	TBA: 2022-2023
	Debra Ingraio: 1997-1998	
	Cathy Aschliman: 1998-1999	

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**Important:  
Come to the April meeting and vote  
for our new Officers & Directors!**

# Sarasota Shell Club — 2021-2022 Renewal/New Application Membership

## Our Insurance Requires a Liability Release

*I agree that I am individually responsible for my safety and my personal property. I will not hold the Sarasota Shell Club, its officers, field trip leader(s), or property owner liable for any damage or injury to me or my property that should occur.*

Signature required for each member joining:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

The SSC publishes a roster with names, address and emails for our member use only. Please check one:

\_\_\_\_\_ it is **OK** to publish my information in the roster  
\_\_\_\_\_ it is **Not OK** to publish my information in the roster

We are newly located at the **Bee Ridge Church Community Room** located on the corner of Proctor Road and mcIntosh Road.

You will be sent monthly newsletters via email, starting in September through April, informing you of the date and time of the next meeting which is held the 2nd Thursday of each month.

Look for us at: [www.Sarsotashellclub.com](http://www.Sarsotashellclub.com)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/sarasotafioridashellclub>

Contact us: [sarasotashellclub@gmail.com](mailto:sarasotashellclub@gmail.com)

**Initial Dues:** include cost of membership name tag:

\$30.00 single and \$40.00 family (living at the same address)

\$10.00 student (shell show participants only)

**Renewal Dues:** \$25 single and \$30 family (living at the same address).

If no email address add \$15 to your yearly dues.

All new and renewed memberships will again receive their membership cards/badges at the monthly meetings.

To join, send checks only (no cash) made out to SSC to

**Donna Krusenowski, Membership Chairman**

**3250 Ringwood Mdw**

**Sarasota, FL 34235**

Please print legibly to help us correctly spell your name:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Local Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Other address & phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact & phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday day & month: \_\_\_\_\_

(To be filled in by the Membership Committee)

Renewal  New Member

Amount paid \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Cash

Card  Badge  info. filed