

Old Arabi Neighborhood Association Meeting

January 2018



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AGENDA: Membership & Year in Review

1. Pledge
2. Year In Review Slide Show
3. Committee Updates
4. Door Prize
5. Adjournment
6. Membership Drive.



OANA Sponsored Events

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Sippin in the Sunset 2017



Thursdays 6 - 9 pm at the Aycock Barn
This year - we hosted **four** sipping events for three hour blocks - as opposed to six two hour events.





2018 will be the **10th Anniversary of the Sugar Festival**. If you are interested in helping to make it even sweeter, sign up for the Sugar Fest Committee with Ray Lauga.



Needs / Ways to Improve our events



1. More help setting up & cleaning up

1. More help soliciting sponsorship / vendors

1. More participation on committees



OANA Community Impact

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Mitchell Smith Scholarship

Awarded \$1000 for the spring semester to Hailey Baumann, an Arabi resident and a Nunez culinary student. Hailey hopes to open her own restaurant in St. Bernard one day.



Night Out Against Crime



Guest Speaker- Charlie Borchers



St. Bernard Day of Service- Old Arabi Community Garden



Arabi Utility Art Box

Local Artist Sabrina Smith has been commissioned to paint one of the Old Arabi Utility Boxes on St. Claude Avenue. Her OANA sponsored design highlights the Mississippi River and one of the parish's first cash crops - INDIGO.



Holiday Donation to Arabi Elementary

OANA adopted 10 needy families from Arabi Elementary. Each family received A \$200 gift card from Canseco's Grocery, A \$300 gift card from WalMart, and A voucher for a Christmas tree from Renaissance Gardens.



Veterans Donations

Tips from the November Sippin in the Sunset were donated to the St. Bernard Veterans' Association.

OANA also donated the drinks for the Annual St. Bernard Veterans Luncheon at Rocky & Carlos.



OANA Socials

August & December



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OANA Christmas Party



Friend of Old Arabi

At the party, Debbie Smith was honored with Friend of Old Aabi Award- for her selfless contribution to our neighborhood and our association.



In Summation

We began **Jan of 2016** with \$41, 381

We ended **Dec of 2017** with \$46, 121

Sipping profit about \$1500 fall & \$1500 in spring (We also invested in ice chests, tablecloths, and dispensers.)

Our Sugar Fest profit exceeded \$6200.

Our OANA Membership **Jan 2017** = 42 households with 68 members

Membership at end of **Dec. 2017** = 68 households with 120 total members

Scholarship & Beautification

\$11,867 remains in the Mitchell Smith Scholarship Program

\$8877 is earmarked for ongoing beautification projects

Thank you to our Committee Chairs

Beautification

Troy & Linda

Sunshine

Jenifer

Hospitality

Kelly

Articles

Sal

Membership

Charlie

Financial

Alison

Vice President Appointment

At the end of 2017, OANA Vice President Charlie LeSage sold his Mehle Street home and currently resides outside of the parish.

Until his return to the neighborhood, former OANA Board member Maegan Dobson will serve as the interim Vice President through the end of April.

We thank them both for their commitment to OANA.

Congratulations

Congratulations to OANA Board members **Linda VanAman** and **Alison Barrios** on your selection into this year's Leadership St. Bernard class.

Congratulations to our Sunshine Chair **Jenifer Heintz** on being given the BPW Golden Circle Award for her commitment to the organization and on her recent appointment to head of the Tourist Commission.

Additional kudos to **Alison Barrios** who was awarded the 2017 Entrepreneur of the Year Award by the Women's Council of REALTORS New Orleans Metropolitan Network.

OANA Upcoming Dates

Sipping into Sunset

March 15 & May 10



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Planetarium February Dates



Saturday February 3	10:00 A.M.	Ages 4 and up	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stars and their effect on life--Presentation• Life of Trees--FullDome Video (animated)
	11:30 A.M.	Ages 8 and up	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The basics of Black Holes--Presentation• Black Holes--FullDome Video
	1:00 P.M.	Ages 8 and up	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Constellations--Presentation• Space Park 360--FullDome simulated amusement park rides-- CAUTION—can cause motion sickness
Wednesday February 21	6:00 P.M.	Ages 8 and up	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The basics of Black Holes--Presentation• Black Holes--FullDome Video

What's NEW in OLD Arabi?



Visit their facebook page or website for menu and details

Dine in or carry out. call or text your orders in to 504-314-9342 for pickup.

THAT'S ALL FOLKS

Thank you for being here tonight and for your involvement in OANA.

Don't forget to

renew your membership,

encourage your neighbors to get involved,

and keep your tax dollars in the parish!

See you next time!