

The Villages Photography Club met at LaHacienda on Wednesday, February 3, 2010. We were led in the pledge of allegiance by Arne Thesen.

Chuck Bassett offered to update our Flickr website and add all our e-mail addresses to it. Thanks Chuck.

Barb A. reported some people are having trouble getting on our website. She asked that if you have trouble getting on, please call her to report it.

Harold Croft has volunteered to be the new Treasurer. Thanks Harold.

We had 10 new members today. Welcome to all!!

Our annual showcase is fast approaching, February 6<sup>th</sup> is the date! We will have a Photograph of the year competition at the showcase that will be voted on by the public. Submit your favorite photo of the year (just 1 per person); it must be a photo that was judged this year

Paul Gaecke announced a field trip to Gatorland on February 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 am to photograph the birds, before it's open to the public. We will meet at 6:30am to car pool. The cost is \$10. Places to meet and further info will be announced at the next meeting, or contact Paul at 259-7799.

Paul Gaecke announced a field trip on March 24<sup>th</sup> to the Raptor Center in Apopka. The cost is also \$10

Bob A will do a Tech Talk on the 17<sup>th</sup> of March on camera bags. He welcomes you to bring in your best or worst camera bag.

.Helene Scharaldi will be chairperson of Hospitality. Please contact her to pick a meeting to help out with the cookies and soda.

We have started a Club Roster, if you didn't give me your e-mail address please contact me.

A 10 minute Tech Talk on why to use a tripod and how to buy a tripod was given by Paul Gaecke. Paul also gave a presentation of our field trip the week before; it was very well received...

The Competition winners for "Long Exposures" were:

	12 points	
Barb Athansiou		Night View of Sidney's Opera House
Betty Eich		McDonalds Falls
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Diane Pattie		Quiet Forest Waterfall
Heather Rabinowitz		Fireworks Compilation
Steve Sczur		Cincinnati is Majestic

11 points

Diane Brunovsky	Night Lights
Rosemary DeRose	Stop Following Me
Helen Poor	Colonial Spire at Night
Helen Poor	Jefferson Memorial
John Scott	An Hour of Stars
Eileen Sklon	Long Ago, Long Exposures
Jerry Sundin	Another Beautiful Day in the Villages
Maureen Terrien	Butterfly Forest
Arne Thesen	Stop Lights
Arne Thesen	Sumter Landing at Night

Respectfully submitted,  
Eileen Sklon, Secretary