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Special points of interest:

- Featured Game of the Month for January
- Upcoming Regional Charity Drive, Don't Miss Out!

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A Word from the Regional Coordinator

Welcome to the first newsletter in 2008!

As 2007 draws to a close and 2008 begins, I can't help but feel good about the Camarilla and the wonderful people I've met and dealt with over the years. I have to say that it's the members themselves that make this organization what it is. I'd like to take a moment to look back on 2007 and some of the wonderful things we've done. I'd like to thank each and every one of you who participated in any of the charity drives over the course of the year. Your donations of time, school supplies, toys and things necessary for the upcoming winter months does more for people than I think you may realize. Sometimes, it saves lives through direct means (blankets and warm clothes for the homeless) as well as through indirect means (showing a needy child that there is indeed the spirit of the holidays from strangers). I hope those of you who donated your time, money and supplies continue to do so through 2008 charity drives. It is also my hope that those of you who couldn't are able to in the coming year.

Our next charity drive is the Recipe Donation. Donate your recipes, which will then be put into a book. These books will be sold for \$10 each, and half of those funds will be donated to a charity. I encourage you to send in your recipes, but more importantly, to buy the books.

We also had a great run of events over 2007. We hosted the South East Regional Event (SERE), the South East Regional Forsaken Event (SEFRE), and of course, the International Camarilla Conclave (ICC). I hope many of you were able to attend at the very least one of these events, hopefully more.

Each month, your domains run your Featured Games of the Month. The first one for 2007 will be in Tampa, FL. I highly recommend that you come to as many Games of the Month as you have the opportunity to attend. They are a great way to get involved in the multi-game aspect of our organization and meet new people. Many times, these events have a great charity drive to them and you have the opportunity to network your characters, earn prestige through

volunteering, and of course, make new friends.

I would also encourage each and every one of you to take some time to ensure that your information is correct and complete on the Camarilla Resource Database (CRD). There are options that keep your information hidden, however White-Wolf does require that information to be up to date to enable them to get you things such as your membership card. The CRD can be found at <http://camarilla.white-wolf.com/crd/index.php>.

Each and every month we have two regional meetings on IRC. They are held on the first and third Mondays of the month at 8pm CST/9pm EST, and run for one hour. You can log on at #se-region. Once there, you may sign in. Remember, if you attend both meetings, you get 5 regional prestige!

I'm looking forward to what I hope to be an outstanding 2008! With your help, I'm sure the year will be a great one.

- Deb Pelletier-Clark

January Featured Game of the Month—Tampa! January 19th to

Bay of Tears (FL-034-D) will host the *Featured Game of the Month* for January 2008. It will be held at the Countryside Village Clubhouse located at 9001 Sheldon Rd, Tampa, FL 33635.

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Mage the Awakening:

Saturday, January 19th, 2008
Check-In: 12:00pm
Game: 1:00pm – 5:00pm
VST: Joshua Hamel -
(Sammhael@gmail.com)

Vampire the Requiem:

Saturday, January 19th, 2008
Check-In: 7:00pm
Game: 8:00pm – Midnight
VST: Mihail Balan -
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Changeling the Lost:

Sunday, January 20th, 2008
Check-In: 12:00pm
Game: 1:00pm – 5:00pm
VST: Justin Diaz -
(ChyldProdG@aol.com)

Parking on Site:

Unfortunately there is very limited parking on site so local Cammies please car pool so that out of town visitors will be able to utilize the space.

Amenities:

There is a kitchen with refrigerator available so if people wish to bring provisions (food, drink, etc.) we will have plenty of room to set up. Remember donation of items is prestige worthy.

Directions from North (Ocala)

Head South on I-75 and take the I-275 exit (#274). Take the Bearss Avenue exit (#53). Turn right at Bearss Avenue. Continue on Bearss* Avenue and it will become Ehrlich* Road. Continue on Ehrlich Road and it will become Gunn* Highway. Turn left on Sheldon Road (South). Turn left on Countryside Village Boulevard and continue to the very end to the Clubhouse.

Directions from North (Orlando/Daytona)

Head North on I-75 and take the I-4 exit to Tampa (#261). I-4 will end/merge with I-275. You'll want to take the exit to Tampa Int'l Airport/St Petersburg. Take exit 39 to merge onto Memorial Hwy/SR-60 W toward Clearwater/Tampa Airport. Pass the Veteran's Expressway (Toll Road) and turn Left onto Memorial Highway. Continue on Memorial* Highway and it will become Sheldon * Road. Turn right on Countryside Village Boulevard and continue to

the very end to the Clubhouse.

Please note that Bearss Avenue, Ehrlich Road and Gunn Highway are all the same road. It just changes its name as you traverse it. Memorial Highway and Sheldon Road are the same road. It just changes its name as you traverse it. For more concise directions, feel free to contact me and I will guide you on in.

Tampa has many restaurants and hotels for you to enjoy. Close by to the gamesite is Holiday Inn Express (813-885-3700) and Hampton Inn (813-901-5900). There might be more reasonable hotels around the Busch Gardens area if you want to do an internet search for rooms and rates. Those local Cammies wishing to open up there homes for out of town visitors (prestige worthy) contact me ASAP so I can match peeps up. Likewise, out of town visitors feel free to contact me and I will ask if anyone has room in their homes. Restaurants in the local area include Ginza Japanese Steakhouse (813-806-1551), Tijuana Flats Burrito Co. (813-792-1944) and various fast food restaurants.

From Bay of Tears (FL-034-D), we invite you to come and enjoy our Featured Game of the Month.

- Bonnie Zabytko

"If you give a lesson
in meanness to a
person or critter,
don't be surprised if
they learn their
lesson."

- Will Rogers

The Most Important Thing as an Officer

There are several things which are given to those in the coordinator and storyteller branches that range from positive, both in the ways of thanks for their jobs and the prestige they earn, to the negative, such as the problem resolutions as well as the negative feedback that invariably come with these positions. However, there is one portion of the position that simply exceeds both the positive and negative aspects of these positions. It is the single most important thing that they are given.

They are given a measure of trust.

As a coordinator, that trust is nearly always placed with the maintaining and managing of one's prestige. Even though it is mostly the player's responsibility, often it is expected for the coordinator to have a members prestige records on hand for review. More importantly, the gen-

eral members are trusting that their prestige is taken care of accurately.

Trust also comes in the form of dispute resolution, in which the coordinator is the second step in the resolution process, when the first step of resolution between the offended members simply cannot be resolved. It is up to the coordinator at those times to try and see things from each member's perspective and find a compromise when there is one, or enforcing the rules when one is found to be in the wrong. As with anything in life, there's the right way and the easy way. It is important while in a position of authority to always choose the right way.

Storytellers face many of the same challenges. When crafting plots and implementing rules calls, it is important to keep all members in mind, as well as keeping everything fair and balanced. Keeping things

balanced and fair is difficult in a make believe world of trickery and deceit. For Storytellers it can be an even tougher job as the lines between black and white simply aren't as well defined as they are on the coordinator side. Many character approvals and on the spot rules calls when the rules aren't handy must be done by arbitrary decisions. The trust there is between the players trusting their Storyteller's staff to maintain the integrity of the story rather than members simply getting what they want.

In the end, positions aren't about prestige, or power placements within the organization. They are about helping make a better organization. The only way to accomplish this is through the trust of the membership in their elected officials, and officials keeping that trust.

"The price for having rights is the responsibility of exercising them with consideration for others."

-Wayne Schmidt

January Charity Drive—Cooking for Cammies!

Recipes will be accepted from now until January 30, 2008 from any current Camarilla member that is a member of the SE Region. Those recipes will be bound into a book, printed and sold for \$10.00 each. Each book will cost \$5.00 to print and a profit of \$5.00 will be made on each book.

The extra money made on each book will be turned into

animal food, home depot cards and such for wildlife rehab place in Florida, the Horshoe Creek Animal Foundation.

Prestige:

Recipes donated: range from 3-8 points per recipe. Your best bet is to send in your recipes, and I will let you know what level they fall into.

An easy difficulty level is worth 3 points. A moderately difficult, complicated and/or time consuming recipe is 5 points. A very complicated, and time consuming recipe is worth 8 points.

So, turn in your recipes and afterwards purchase a book for yourself, family and/or friends!



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The Camarilla

Welcome to the South-East Regional Newsletter. I hope you have enjoyed this edition. If you would like to contribute to the newsletter, feel free to send your articles, pictures, original pieces of artwork, and other such things to arc.newsletter@gmail.com. If your submission makes the newsletter, it is worth regional prestige, so I encourage you to send as much as you can to me!

- Michael McDevitt, US2002022567

Submissions for the Newsletter

Welcome to the redesigned newsletter! We've redesigned much of the newsletter to keep it fresh and try to do something a little different each year or so.

Aside from formatting, the newsletter is only as good as the articles that are contributed. These contributions come from the general membership for entertainment, or from the staff to help bring you news about various coordinator, storyteller or club activities and notes.

The things we are looking for from the general membership are varied, and can be worth

Regional Prestige. If you wonder how you can get some regional prestige, this is a good quarterly opportunity. We are looking for:

- ✚ Original Artwork
- ✚ Original Pictures
- ✚ "How To" articles
- ✚ Stories about OOC experiences
- ✚ Stories about IC experiences
- ✚ Works of Fiction

In the end, it's your contributions that make the newsletter. To make a submission, e M a i l m e a t

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I look forward to seeing your submissions! Hopefully we'll see your contribution in the next newsletter!

- Michael McDevitt



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