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Hello everyone,

I hope that everyone had a wonderful Holiday Season and that the New Year has been kind to you and your family. In these times of economic upheaval and uncertainty, the value of friends, family, and community becomes ever more important.

Our first regular meeting of the BDFCA General Membership for this year will be at at 6:30 pm on Monday February 2 at the Ballentine Park Community Center. The Executive Board will meet at 6 pm.

With recent local political issues such as incorporation or school bonds fading away, we on the Executive Board want to refocus the direction of the Civic Association Meetings towards a more social and philanthropic aspect (as opposed to “strictly business”). Please don't get me wrong, we still intend to monitor the issues that affect our Community. We will address those issues as they arise. As always we seek your help in keeping us abreast of any new developments along those lines.

As one way to refocus our direction, we intend to offer a variety of guest speakers and presentations at our meetings this year. I welcome and encourage your ideas and suggestion on topics that would be of interest. We want to make these “your” meetings.

This month's meeting will feature a short presentation on “Project Life Saver” by Cpl. Amanda Lee of the Richland County Sheriff's Department. This program was started to safeguard the “at-risk wanderers” in our Community who might wander away from their homes. It helps give peace of mind to those who love and care for these people.

We also want to redirect our focus in how we can directly help our Community. Earlier this month the Board authorized a small donation to Sister Care, a program of services for battered women and their children in our area. Unfortunately, domestic violence is on the increase.

To wrap it up for this month, I hope to see you at our Meeting this Monday. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, ideas, or concerns.

Sincerely, Ken Tallman, President