



Talking With Ed Williams

Resident of the Village of Virginia Trace talks about The Villages Old-Time Radio Drama Club.

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After a year away, The Villages Old-Time Radio Drama Club is back on the air, with the group meeting at 7 p.m. Nov. 4 at Savannah Center. Admission is a \$2 donation to cover the costs of snacks, prizes and printing.

The Daily Sun spoke with group leader Ed Williams, of the Village of Virginia Trace, about the club's return.

How does it feel to have the club back?

It's invigorating. We've been away from it for 18 months. The Players have been badgering me to get things going again. We tried in September and October, but now we decided for November

What can people expect from the meeting?

The usual fare has been a performance by the Old-Time Radio Players, who will perform a sketch from "Our Miss Brooks" called "Cure That Habit." Then we'll have Larry Rodkin do a broadcast trivia game, then an old-time music quiz. Then we'll play back an episode from Stan Freberg, "Columbus Discovers America."

Residents can come at 6:30 p.m. to get good seats. There will be a snack bar at the back, or people can bring their own snacks.

Why play the Stan Freberg clip?

It's timely. He has a parody of Columbus discovering America. It's a very funny sketch. They're timeless. It's kind of like a Broadway show with music and sound effects, and multiple singers and actors.

What do you like about the Players' skit?

It's a good solid comedy. It involves eight people. When we brought the club back, I wanted to get as many players as possible (on stage).

What do you like the most about radio dramas?

They're fun to do. It's very easy to read and be into the characters. You couldn't see them on the radio, so they had to vocalize the character. That meant having a specific vocal style, like an old person or a young person, or cops and crooks. (The club audience) can see the people on stage.