

The Chronicle



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The GAVEL

A report from your President



By Don Murphy

Greetings!

After a delayed arrival and a technical glitch our guest speaker turned out to be terrific. He had great stage presence and obviously new his subject well. I have never thought a great deal about pain but he made a lot of sense to me personally. He has asked to return next year with his entire team of physicians along with a team of technicians who will conduct a clinic with free tests for our members. We are exploring the idea and will keep you posted.

We also announced that the meeting in November has been selected to honor the remaining Vietnam Veterans who could not join us in June. It will be a great tie in with our scheduled guest speaker for the Honor Flights Program to Washington, D. C. You will find the latest list of members to be honored in this newsletter and I would appreciate your letting me know personally if our list is mistaken or incomplete.

I had many comments about our menu choice for July and most of them were favorable. We always want to be looking for opportunities to make our Club interesting and worth participating in, while remembering that many of our members have special dietary requirements.

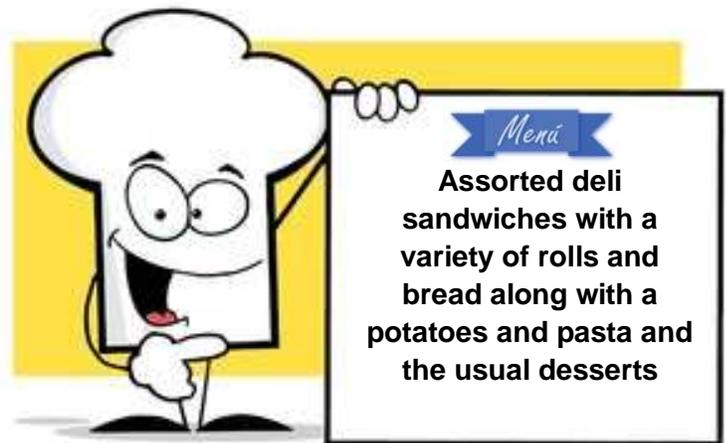
Lastly, the Tampa Bay Storm indoor football game was a hoot. The food and the drinks were fantastic and who says you can't have comfortable leather seats at a Sports venue. Another home run for Jim Rottman VP Special Projects.

Don

Learn All About Our Community Radio At Our August 16 Meeting

Our featured speaker for August 16 will be Men's Club member Vern Hendricks. Vern is program director and Thursday radio host for our Sun City Center based community radio station, Sun Radio 96.3 FM. Vern will be here (along with his wife and co-host Elysa) to answer all your questions about community radio. Vern will also explain how Sun City Center came to have its own radio station.

Vern spent more than two decades in the computer industry before venturing into radio in 2014.



To Make Your Reservation for Lunch on
August 16 send an email to
Mens.Club.Lunch.Reservations@gmail.com
or telephone our office at 633-7091
before 6 p.m. on Sunday, August 13

The purpose of The Men's Club of Sun City Center is to provide and promote charitable community service, cultural, social and civic interest, and to cooperate with other clubs and organizations in the best interest of Sun City Center.

Men's Club LifeCare Programs

The Men's Club is committed to improving the health and welfare of our community through sponsorship of LifeCare programs.

Health Care Support Groups

Male Call for Prostate Health: Meets the 2nd Monday of the month 2 p.m. Room 3, SCC Community Hall. Bob Sullivan (813-215-7050) for schedule and information.

Low Vision Support Group: Meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month 1:30 p.m. at Sun Towers. Contact Debbie Caneen (813-634-3347) for schedule and information.

Hearing Loss Support Group: Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month 10 a.m. at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church. Contact Richard Herring for schedule and information.

Pain Management and Neuropathy: Meets the 2nd Thursday of the month 1:30 p.m. at Sun Towers.. Contact Debbie Caneen (813-634-3347) for schedule and information.

Parkinson's Support Group: Meets the 3rd Monday of the month except June, July and August at 1:30 p.m. at Sun Towers. Contact Debbie Caneen (813-634-3347) for schedule and information.

Diabetes Support Group: Meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month 2:00 p.m. at Sun Towers. Contact Debbie Caneen (813-634-3347) for schedule and information.

Man to Man Support Group: Meets weekly in the Marie LeBlanc Room each Wednesday starting at 10:00 a.m. Call Dr. Ken Barringer at 633-8490 or Bill Spedding at 938-3126

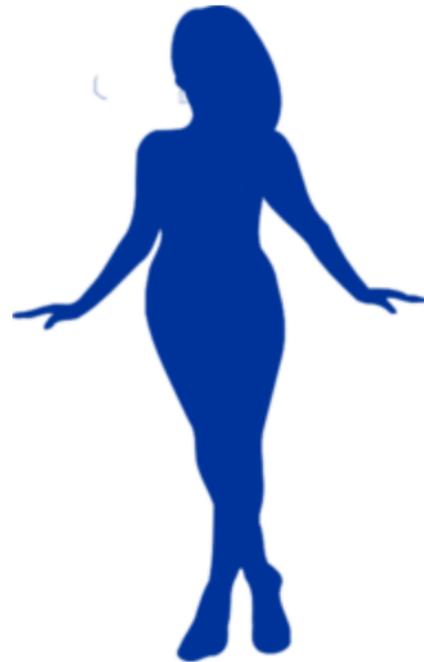
Lifeline Personal Alert System

We have teamed with Phillips, a leading provider of personal alert systems, to facilitate enrolling seniors in our community with the Phillips Lifeline system. For more information, call our Lifeline Office at 633-7091.

Hearing Aid Recycling

The Men's Club has formed a partnership with Sertoma to facilitate recycling of used hearing aids and distribution of the refurbished hearing aids to need children around the world. Look for our drop boxes at many locations around the community.

Do You Have a Head for Figures?



No, not that kind of figures.

Mike Brock, long-time treasurer of The Men's Club, has said he will be stepping down at the end of the year. President-Elect Joe DeFelice is looking for a qualified individual to join our Board of Directors starting in January 2018 to take Mike's place and help keep our club fiscally fit.

Qualifications? A candidate for the position of treasurer should be computer literate, familiar with the accounting program "QuickBooks" and have a basic knowledge of principles of accounting. The treasurer prepares monthly financial reports for the Board and generally attends our monthly board meetings. With the help of the ladies in our Men's Club office, the treasurer oversees the collection and processing of checks received for lunches, dues and special events. Mike indicates that the position typically requires no more than five to seven hours per month.

If you think you might be a fit for the position of Treasurer and have the willingness to serve, contact Joe DeFelice at 922-6232 or email him at rdr303@aol.com.



Sudman Honored With Leadership Award

Long time Men’s Club member Sam Sudman has been named the winner of this year’s Hillsborough County Volunteer Leader Award for his outstanding efforts in support of our community. *Above*, Commissioner Sandy Moorman presents Sam with his award.

Congratulations, Sam; keep up the good work!

LIFELINE

A LIFESAVING SERVICE OF
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Installer of the Month

Steve Bartlett

Year to date through 7/31/17:

Subscribers - 621

YTD Installer home visits - 587

YTD Responder assists - 299

YTD Hospital transports - 57



On Wednesday, September 13th, join us to watch as the Tampa Bay Rays take on the arch rival New York Yankees. Our seats again are in the *press level*. The total price is only \$30 which includes our bus transportation!

Our bus will depart the Community Hall at 5:30pm and return after the game. The bus will depart after nine innings whether the game is complete or not.



Reservations can now be made for this event by mailing your check (payable to the Mens Club) to Jim Rottman at 2307 Emerald Lake Drive, or dropping it off at the Lifeline office.



- Stan Kaplan**
- Robert Bellendir**
- James Collins**
- Kenneth Allison**
- Carl Ghezzi**

IN MEMORIAM

Al Alderman

July 25, 1017

Editor’s Note: It is our intention to honor each of our members on their passing, but we don’t always have timely information. If we miss mentioning the passing of a friend or acquaintance who is a member of our club, we apologize.

Second Ceremony to Honor Vietnam Era Veterans to be held on November 15

Many of our members who served in the military during the Vietnam War era were unable to attend our ceremony honoring them at our June 22 meeting. As promised, we will hold a second event honor those who missed the June event.; it will take place at our regular November 15 meeting.

Representatives of the Daughters of the American Revolution will again be on hand to award veterans a special commemorative pin issued by the Department of

Defense and, of course, our honored guests will be treated to a free lunch.

Below is a list we have compiled of veterans who were unable to attend the June event. If your name is supposed to be on the list but is omitted, please contact Don Murphy immediately. We have worked hard to make the list complete but, as you know, "to err is human...."



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| Barnett Alpert | Bill Eades | Dennis Horne | David Kruger | Joe Reig |
| Mike Brock | Mike Fracher | John Jackson | Peter Mathieu | Arthur Rousseau |
| Frank Burns | Bob Goetz | Jim Kehoe | Jim McClure | Sam Smith |
| Ronald Dickey | Bob Harris | Greg Keil | Ray Mordell | Ken Wagner |
| Gary Dinda | Alan Heimbold | Bill Kilmain | Andrew Nicks | Gary Waldren |

Words of Wisdom

By Lyle Watson

"Life is too short. Eat Dessert First!"

"Eat more asparagus, my friends."

"People are prisoners of their phones; that's why they are called 'cell phones'!"

"Growing old is hard work; the mind says 'yes' but the body says "What the heck are you thinking?"

Lifeline Installers Still Needed

The Men's Club is always looking for additional volunteers to install and service the Lifeline Systems. These volunteer installers make the key difference between the Men's Club's Personal Emergency Alert Service and our competitors.

We provide hands-on installation, training and service, something none of the competitors offer. To continue to provide this important service, we need men who are willing to give a few hours a month perhaps just one afternoon a month to visit our clients and help them get on-line with a service that may well save their lives. For more information about the Lifeline Personal Emergency Alert System, contact Nellie or Carolyn in the Men's Club Lifeline Office at 633-7091 or stop by the office at 1002 Cherry Hills Drive at the SCC Central Campus.



October Open House to Feature Consumer Protection Expo

The Men’s Club’s annual Open House, scheduled for October 13 at the Community Hall, will feature a Consumer Protection Expo co-sponsored by Florida’s Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. Representatives from numerous state and local agencies charged with looking out for our interest as consumers will be on hand to explain the role of their agencies and to answer our questions.



Kevin Brooks

As is our custom, the event is open to all residents of our community. The Men’s

Club will be offering complimentary ice cream along with coffee and iced tea.

We have booked the extremely popular Kevin Brooks to entertain during this event. Keven always draws crowds when he performs and garners rave revenues for his singing. Save the date on your calendar and tell your

Sometimes You Just Have to Put Things in the Right Perspective!

A wealthy man and his wife were having dinner at an upscale restaurant when this absolutely stunning young woman comes over to their table, gives the husband a big open mouthed kiss, then says she'll see him later and walks away.

The wife glares at her husband and says, "Who the hell was that?"

"Oh," replies the husband, "She's my mistress."

"Well, that's the last straw," says the wife.

"I've had enough, I want a divorce!"

"I can understand that," replies her husband, "But remember, if we get a divorce it will mean no more shopping trips to Paris, no more wintering in Barbados, no more summers in Tuscany, no more BMWs in the garage and no more yacht clubs. But the decision is yours."

Just then, a mutual friend enters the restaurant with a gorgeous babe on his arm.

"Who's that woman with George?" asks the wife.

"That's his mistress," says her husband.

She replies, "Ours is prettier."



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