

# The Chronicle

Have You Paid  
Your Dues for  
2018?

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## The GAVEL

A report from your President



By Joe DeFelice

The recent cold snap sure made us shiver. At least we finally got to wear some of the winter clothes we lugged down from the North that have been sitting in our closets. The only good news was it was not too prolong. My first meeting had a few glitches but I can only get better I guess. Hopefully many members will attend our Valentine's Dinner Dance on the 14th. I did manage to meet some members but forgot to introduce our guests. I will be sure to write down an agenda for the next meeting. If I should forget something please raise your hand or yell out to me. We have some exciting upcoming special events and I hope to see everyone attend. Thank you for your patience as we move forward.

### FEBRUARY MENU:

Fried Chicken  
Shepherd's Pie  
Chef's Choice of Vegetables  
Salad Bar  
Fantastic Desserts



**IMPORTANT**

Join us on February 14 for our annual **Valentine's Day Dinner Dance**. Dine on Prime Rib, Chicken Marsala and Crab Stuffed Flounder and dance to the music of the Jack Edison Jazz Band. Find details on page 3.

## More Traffic Jams or Smooth Sailing Ahead?



### Hillsborough County Director of Public Works to Address Club on February 21

Our program for February 21 will provide some very timely and important information on the future of our roadways in the Greater Sun City Center Area. Our speaker is John Lyons, Hillsborough County Director of Public Works. His talk is entitled "*Mobility, Storm Water and Infrastructure*".



John is a Florida-licensed Professional Engineer and Professional Surveyor and Mapper. During John's career, he has worked in industry, construction, consulting and government. During his 20 year tenure with Hillsborough County, he has been a design engineer, project manager, County Surveyor, Public Utilities Director, and Public Works Director.

Accompanying John will be Jim Hudock who is the Division Director of Technical Services for Public Works. Jim's team manages and implements the capital program.

### NEW RESERVATION DEADLINE

Reservations for this Men's Club event must be received by 3 p.m. on the Friday preceding the event,, February 16.

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.

## Lifeline Update

Thank You to all of our installers and responders! Our installers averaged 82 installation/service calls per month in 2017. Our Subscribers’ responders averaged 44 per month. Because of their willingness to help their neighbors and friends, Lifeline brings peace of mind to our Subscribers and their families & friends. We look forward to continuing service to the community in 2018.



Installer of the Month  
**Jim Seaton**

**Subscribers - 595**  
**YTD Installer home visits - 83**  
**YTD Responder assists - 47**  
**YTD Hospital transports - 9**  
**Through January 29, 2018**



**Tom Wood**  
**Larry Smith**  
**Bob Hart**

**Gary Keach**  
**Floyd Curvin**  
**Michael Bugosh**

## Reservations Required

**To make your reservation for lunch on February 21 send an email to [Mens.Club.Lunch.Reservations@gmail.com](mailto:Mens.Club.Lunch.Reservations@gmail.com) or telephone our office at 633-7091 before 3 p.m. on Friday, February 16**

## Don't Miss Out on our Valentine's Day Dinner-Dance

Join us in SCC Community Hall on February 14 for our annual Valentine's Day Dinner Dance. Dine on Prime Rib, Chicken Marsala and Crab Stuffed Flounder and dance to the music of the Jack Edison Jazz Band.

Sign-up starts now using the form at the end of this newsletter. Mail the completed form along with your check to John Bowker at the address shown on the form or drop it off at the Courtyards Office for John's attention.

The Jack Edison Jazz Band plays the music of the Big Band Era of the 1930's, 40's and 50' and some more current ones as well. This Big Band Era included the music of the Glen Miller band, Duke Ellington, Tommy Dorsey and Count Basie. Band Leader Jack Edison came from a musical family and since 1971 has fronted own band. . Jack's troupe of musicians played for an extremely appreciative crowd at our Spring Ladies Luncheon last year and we are very happy to have him back.

The cost is \$22.50 for a single or \$45.00 for a couple. If you don't have a date for the event, don't worry; we will have a place for you.

**The reservation deadline is at 3 p.m. on Friday, February 9. All reservations must be in hand and paid by that date.**

## About Our New Deadline For Reservations

As you read on the first page of this issue of The Chronicle, we have moved the deadline for reservations up to 3 p.m. on the Friday preceding the meeting or event. Thus, for the February 21 meeting, the deadline would be 3 p.m. on the afternoon of February 16. The deadline applies to both phone and emailed reservations.

The change provides the opportunity for our ladies in the Men's Club Office to compile the list of phoned reservations and provide it to John and Linda Bowker (*the keepers all things reserved*) before the close of business on Friday.

RESERVATIONS MADE AFTER 3 P.M. ON DEADLINE FRIDAY MAY NOT BE HONORED. DECISIONS WILL BE MADE ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS, DEPENDING ON SPACE AVAILABILITY AND CATERING CONCERNS. Your Men's Club officers thank you for your cooperation with this new policy.

**A Reminder:  
2018 Dues are payable now**



**Discover 100 New Ways To Improve Your Hearing**

Sponsored By



Hearing Loss Association of America  
Sun City Center Chapter

**A Men's Club Supported Program**

**Saturday, February 3, 2018  
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
First Presbyterian Church  
121 Carver Avenue, Brandon**

**Free Admission  
Free Trials  
Free Consultation  
40+ Exhibitors**

*"Can you hear me now?"*

## Hillsborough Sheriff, Community Foundation Join With Club to Sponsor March 6 Consumer Fraud Forum

The Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office and the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay have teamed up with The Men’s Club to present “*Don’t Be Scammed! A Free Consumer Protection Forum*,” to be held on Tuesday, March 6 in Community Hall.

As reported last month, doors will open at 8:30 a.m. The program will start promptly at 9 a.m., concluding by noon. The Men’s Club will be providing free coffee and donuts to attendees.

There is a great lineup of speakers for the event:

- ✓ Jackie Callaway, ABC Action News Consumer Reporter,
- ✓ Andrew Sekela, F.B.I. Supervisory Special Agent for White Collar Crime,
- ✓ Bryan Oglesby, Outreach Director, Better Business Bureau of West Florida,
- ✓ Carl J. Reschke, Law Enforcement Lieutenant for the Division of Investigative Fraud and Forensic Services for the Florida Bureau of Insurance Fraud,
- ✓ Rock Roque, Manager for the Division of Agent and Agency for the Florida Department of Financial Services, and
- ✓ Jeff Merry, HSCO Resource Deputy for Sun City Center.

In addition to the free donuts and coffee, Jeff Merry has arranged for valuable attendance prizes to be given away throughout the morning. The first drawing will take place before 9:30 a.m., so don’t be late to take advantage of this great incentive.



## Get Ready to Go Cruising

The Men’s Club’s **VP for Special Projects, Jim Rottman** has just finalized plans for the Men’s Club cruise for 2018.

We’ll be boarding the Royal Caribbean Oasis of the Seas for its Christmas Cruise. This ship sails from Port Canaveral on Sunday, December 23rd, with stops at their private island Labadee in Haiti, Falmouth in Jamaica, and Cozumel in Mexico. The ship returns the following Sunday, the 30th of December.

The Oasis of the Seas is one of the big ships with great entertainment and many dining options. Contact Sun City Center Travelworld for pricing and additional information.

More details and flyers will be available at the February meeting.

## Vincenté Lopez Named V.P. For Club’s Health Care Programs

At its January meeting the Men’s Clubs Board of Directors appointed Vincenté (“Vince”) Lopez, Jr. to fill the vacant position of Vice President for Health Care Programs. Look for Vince at meetings of our health care support groups throughout the month.

We’ll hope to have more information and a photo of Vince in our next issue of The Chronicle.

*Smile and the world smiles with you.  
Snore and you sleep alone!*





***Volunteers Needed for Mar. 6 Forum***

The Men’s Club needs a few good men to assist with the distribution of coffee and donuts and with cleanup at the Senior Fraud Forum on Tuesday, March 6 in Community Hall.

**VP Membership Jon Lehr** will have a sign-up sheet at the February meeting and will be there to answer any questions you might have.

*Extra donuts for all who sign up to help!*

***Lifeline Installers Needed***

There is a desperate need for volunteers to serve as installers for the Men’s Club’s Lifeline emergency alert system. The job only requires one or two days a month (or more if you are willing).

Stop at the Lifeline Table at the February meeting or see **VP Bob Sullivan** and get more information. Volunteers are rewarded with plenty of smiles and thank you’s from the residents they assist.

**South Bay Hospital Hosts Sweetheart Luncheon to Celebrate February as Heart Month**

Men, here’s an event you and your significant other might be interested in attending. (Caveat: It is not sponsored by the Men’s Club.)

South Bay Hospital will host its annual Sweetheart Luncheon on Tuesday, February 13 at noon at the Trinity Baptist Church, 720 Del Webb Boulevard West, Sun City Center, FL 33573.



The event celebrates American Heart Month and heart health awareness. This year’s speakers include Robert Betzu, MD, Cardiology presenting *Heart Attack Symptoms* and Sameer Nagamia, MD, Internal Medicine/Cardiology speaking on *Peripheral Arterial Disease*.

Lunch will include heart-shaped chicken pot pies, side vegetable and a heart-themed dessert. Bring your sweetheart and enjoy an educational discussion on protecting your heart from heart disease. RSVP’s are required for the Sweetheart Luncheon. **Call 1-888-685-1595 to register.** For more information about South Bay Hospital, please call 813-634-0172 or visit SouthBayHospital.com.

**MEN’S CLUB EXECUTIVE BOARD for 2018**

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# THE MEN'S CLUB OF SCC

INVITES YOU AND YOUR LADY TO OUR ANNUAL

## Valentine's Dinner Dance

When: Wednesday, February 14, 2018

Where: Sun City Center Community Hall



Join us at 5:30 p.m. for a buffet dinner followed by the music of

**Jack Edison Jazz Band**

The buffet will feature carved prime rib, crab-stuffed flounder and chicken marsala.

**\$45.00 per couple or \$22.50 per single**

Note that the event is BYOB. Jackets for men preferred.

### EVENT RESERVATIONS

Seating is in tables of eight. Make up your own group to accommodate your seating requirements or we will assign you to a table. Make your reservation by completing the following form and either turn it in at the Men's Club Luncheon Meeting in January with your check payable to the Men's Club, or mail the completed form with your check to:

John Bowker, 265 Courtyard Blvd, # 103, Sun City Center FL 33573

For Information call 633-1427



Please make a reservation for the following member(s) and guest(s)

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

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Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Check Number \_\_\_\_\_