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The GAVEL

A report from your President
By Joe DeFelice



Where does the time go? We all remember growing up and it seemed the year's dragged by. High School, driver's license, first car and getting a job. As simple as life was back then we all sensed it was in slow motion.



Joe DeFelice

Well now the calendar has sped up for us. Six months of 2018 have gone by and planning for 2019 is taking place for the Men's Club. While we still have several more exciting events planned for this year they will be here before you know it.

Our membership continues to grow as newcomers hear of the great work we perform in the community. I cannot keep up with the exceptional work our Board members continue to

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**Potato-crust Cod
Meatloaf and Gravy
Chef's Choice of Vegetables
Stupendous Salad Bar
And, of course, Great Desserts**



Learn The Secrets of South Shore's Hidden Cultural Gem on July 18

Executive Director of Firehouse Cultural Center to Speak at Club's July Meeting

Tucked on a side street in Ruskin in a building that formerly housed Hillsborough Fire Rescue Station 17 is the Firehouse Cultural Center. This often overlooked cultural gem offers concerts, lectures and classes that appeal to a wide range of entertainment tastes.

Joining us on July 18 will be Georgia Vahue, Executive Director of the Firehouse. She'll fill us in on the history of the center, the programs and events it offers and plans for future expansion.



Georgia Vahue

Prior to joining the Firehouse, May 2013, Ms. Vahue was the Director for the School for the Visual & Performing Arts, Great Neck Center for Visual & Performing Arts, Inc., a Kennedy Center Arts-in-Education affiliate, New York, for ten years. In addition, Ms. Vahue was the Arts Center's Gallery Director working with artists from around the world. She passionately believes that art humanizes, connects us, strengthens our communities and strongly believes arts education can make a difference in a life.

To make your reservation for lunch on July 18 send an email to

Mens.Club.Lunch.Reservations@gmail.com

or telephone our office at 633-7091 before 3 p.m. on Friday, July 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.

Low Vision Support Group: Meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month 1:30 p.m. at Sun Towers.

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.

Parkinson’s Support Group: Meets the 3rd Monday of the month except June, July and August at 1:30 p.m. at Sun Towers.

Diabetes Support Group: Meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month 2:00 p.m. at Sun Towers.

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

Except as noted above, call or contact our Vice President for Health Care Vicente Lopez for information about these groups. Call Vicente at 727-623-1724 or email at:

SSCMensClub.vphealth@gmail.com.

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.



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Can the Rays Sweep the Yankees Again in July? Be There to See!

The Tampa Bay Rays fresh from sweeping the Yankees in June will be looking to continue their domination when the Yanks will be in town on July 25. your Men’s Club will be there in force!.

Special Projects VP **Jim Rottman** has planned another outing to Tropicana Field, to see our home town Rays take on their Eastern Division Rivals from The Big Apple. Yep! The will be in town and once again our membership will show off their divided loyalties.

The game is an early afternoon session on July 25, starting at 12:10 p.m. We’ll have a bus departing SCC Community Hall at 10:30 a.m. and returning after the game. As always, Jim has procured some great seats for us. The cost is \$32 including ticket and transportation.

To claim a ticket for this event bring your check (made payable to The Men’s Club) to the July meeting or see Jim Rottman. You can contact Jim at 634-8122 or by email at jrottman@tampabay.rr.com



New Faces In Town!

Left is Michelle Mortimer, new Community Service Aide for HCSO Deputy Jeff Merry. On the right is Major Bob Ura, new District IV HCSO Commander.

Club Supports Hearing Loss Association



Vice President for Health Care Vince Lopez (right) presents a check from The Men’s Club to members of the Hearing Loss Association to help underwrite the cost of the speech-to-text translation service provided at each of the monthly meetings of the Association.

Lifeline Update

Each month we honor volunteers who have given their time to help our Lifeline subscribers by installing and servicing systems and providing training in the use of those systems. This month we honor Larry Nelms.



- Subscribers - 601
- YTD Installer home visits - 458
- YTD Responder assists - 240
- YTD Hospital transports - 50
- Through June 30, 2018

When There is Sad News to Share With Our Members....

From time to time you may receive an email from the Men’s Club reporting on the passing of a member and sharing funeral arrangements. Or you may see a notice in **The Chronicle** “In Memoriam” for a member.

The club’s policy manual states:

Whenever the club becomes aware that a memorial service or funeral service is scheduled for a member or spouse of a member who has passed, an email will be sent informing members of the relevant information so they can, if they choose, attend the event honoring the deceased.

Unfortunately, we don’t always learn of the passing of a member or of the arrangements made to celebrate the life of that member. We must rely on other members to let us know when something happens to a fellow member.

If you become aware of the passing of a member, please let one of the officers know so we can take appropriate steps to notify our membership. Contact information for all the officers is found at the end of each edition of **The Chronicle**.

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FOR INFORMATION

Call the Men’s Club Lifeline Office at (813) 633-7091
Or visit us at 1002 Cherry Hills Drive, Sun City Center
Office Hours 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday

Why We Volunteer . . .

There has been a lot of discussion lately about what some say is a declining spirit of volunteerism among older adults. Supposedly the “me first” attitude is affecting us all. Reproduced below (with permission) from the **SCC Observer** for June 26, 2018 is an article which reminds us of the benefits of volunteerism. We commend it to your attention.



Our Volunteers...

- *Man the registration desk*
- *Run the 50-50 table*
- *Organize and setup our regular meetings*
- *Support the Lifeline program*
- *Deliver Meals on Wheels*
- *Recruit speakers and entertainers*
- *Identify community projects for our club*
- *Run our Fun Fest Barbecue*
- *Make our annual Open House a success*
- *Plan and organize our seven health care support groups*
- *Run the hearing aid recycling program*
- *Publish The Chronicle*
- *Update our website*
- *Serve as District Captains*
- *Organize our outings to entertainment and sports events*
- *Serve as officers of the club and members of the board*
- *Manage our finances*
- *And much more!*

Retirees find meaning in volunteering; Communities thrive because of them

Many of you look forward to retirement as a time when you will finally have the opportunity to do all the things you couldn't quite seem to fit in while you were working and raising your families — things like traveling, reading, cultivating long-neglected hobbies, or volunteering.

Without the demands of family and career, however, you may find yourself asking what you're supposed to do with your time. If you feel this way, you're not alone. Many retirees experience empty-nest syndrome and/or a perceived loss of meaningful employment.

Volunteering can prove an effective way for you to reestablish a sense of identity, as well as purpose, in your life. Many retirees turn to volunteering as a way to inject meaning into their retirement years — something that keeps them going, a way to meet new people and give back to the community.

Among the numerous reasons to spend time in your golden years volunteering, many retirees have reaped proven benefits to their physical well-being, their emotional well-being and the overall health of their communities. Provided you pick the right charity and role for yourself, volunteering can prove to be a

rewarding and fulfilling activity in your retirement years.

While it's not hard to imagine that volunteering benefits the organization, community, or people you are serving, you may be surprised to find that it offers a myriad of benefits to you, the volunteer, as well. Volunteering in retirement improves longevity and quality of life, it plays a greater role in overall health.

You may not have realized how much of your physical well-ness depended on your job — an obligation that kept you active, out and about, and adhering to a structured routine. Volunteering can prove a fulfilling way to keep yourself active and maintain your physical health in your retirement years.

Imagine for a second if no volunteers showed up to their posts for a week. Who would support the community development organizations? Who would deliver meals to shut-ins? Who will pass out the equipment or serve the food? How many after school programs, shelters, and medical outreach groups would shut down? It is so important to volunteer in your community — someone is counting on you.

What's not to love about a group of people who choose to spend their time helping others?



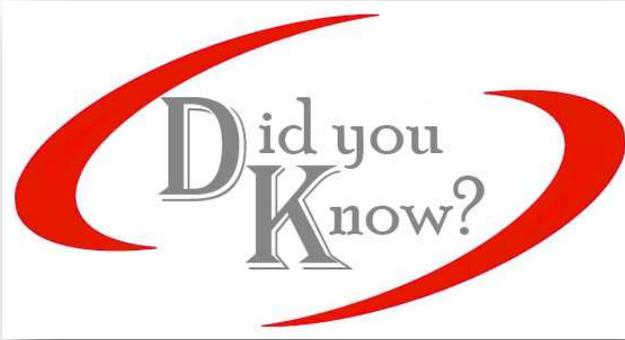
A Little Bit of Men's Club History and Volunteer Recognition

We have no record of the exact opening date for the Men's Club. Through early interviews and comments passed down through the years, we know that a small group of men often met socially at the old "Kings Inn" restaurant in the latter half of 1962 and, at some point, were encouraged to expand into an organized club by Stan Clark, the Activity Director of the Del Webb company, the original developer of Sun City Center.

There is mention of the club's 230 members in a community newsletter in December, 1963, so apparently the expansion was successful. Lunch meetings were already underway by then and were being held on the third Wednesday of each month, a tradition that has continued for more than 50 years.

Listed below we recognize the members who have served as club president; those in red are still active members!

1963 Wallace Forde	1981 Robert S. Wilson	2001 Lou Tovey
1964 W. D. Byrne	1982 Norval (Bill) King	2002 Tyler Sturdevant
1965 Charles M. Doak	1983 Leo J. Himmelsbach	2003 Lou Tovey
1966 Earl H. McAdow	1984 Robert J. Heckert	2004 Jerry Mahoney
1967 Robert G. Dibble	1985 C. Gregg Geiger	2005 Steve Csintyan
1968 William P. Battell	1986 Charles C. Brewer	2006 Dick Farrow
1969 Claude VanWie	1987 Harvey E. Reum	2007 Al Andersen
1970 William I. McLaughlin	1989-90 R. James Trettel	2008 Bob Deutel
1971 Russell A. Bovim	1991 Herbert C. Lewis	2009 Jay Sparkman
1972 Lloyd L. Fisher	1992 Walter Fishback	2010 Peter Walker
1973 Clair V. Aggers	1993 Norman E. Baker	2011 Gary Kaukonen
1974 Carl A. French	1994 Dallas Tuthill	2012 Carl McGary
1975 Patrick J. Ryan	1995 Dallas Tuthill	2013 Jim Rottman
1976 C. T. R. Yeates	1996 Harold Johnson	2014 Gary Baker
1977 Edwin A. Wilson	1997 Cornell Clarke	2015 Ron Pelton
1978 Victor J. Lemke	1998 George Tateosian	2016 Art Smith
1979 John L. Crooks	1999 Walter Cawein	2017 Don Murphy
1980 Robert S. Wilson	2000 George Erp	2018 Joe DeFelice



Wimauma is an unincorporated census-designated place in Hillsborough County, Florida, United States. The population was 4,246 at the 2000 census. Wimauma was founded by Captain C.H. Davis in 1902. That year, Davis helped build the Seaboard Air Line Railroad connecting Turkey Creek and Bradenton. Davis decided to found a town at the half-way point, opening a post office there in on October 24, 1902.

Davis named the town by taking the first letters of the names of his three daughters, Willie, Maude, and Mary. The town had the railroad tracks as the western boundary and was centered around Lake Tiger, now called Lake Wimauma.

The town was officially incorporated in 1925 as the county's fourth municipality, but the city government ceased to function some time in the 1930s. In 1993 this fact was rediscovered, but it was concluded that the incorporation was no longer valid after about 60 years without a city government.

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churn out. I thank each and every one of them for an outstanding first six months of the year.

On another note, if you attended the June meeting, you may have noticed a small difference in the way we start our meetings. We have added a moment of silence to honor past members and allow members to give thanks in their own way for the food being served; it replaces the traditional blessing said before lunch begins.. As our membership continues to grow, we have become more diverse, with members having many different faiths and beliefs; the change is intended to ensure that we respect and honor the beliefs of all members.

If you have questions or concerns about the change don't hesitate to let me know. We hope you understand our intent.

Cruise with the Men's Club Aboard Carnival's Oasis of the Seas

More than 50 members and guests have now signed up already to be boarding the Royal Caribbean Oasis of the Seas for the Men's Club Christmas Cruise Contact Sun City Center Travelworld for pricing and additional information.

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