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The GAVEL

A report from your President
By Joe DeFelice



Hello members. If you attended the May ladies' luncheon you were certainly treated to a special event; we had a great speaker, music by Troy and an exceptional meal. Thanks to all who helped make this event possible. Our membership continues to grow as our members spread the word on the great work the Men's Club performs in the community. Many exciting upcoming events are coming up that you don't want to miss.

On that note, I want to let you know of something we have in the planning stages. You've no doubt heard the hype about medicines derived from marijuana. VP George Bodmer is working to set up a program for September that will separate fact from fiction and answer questions you may have about the health benefits of these medicines. Stay tuned for more details to come.

For those of you heading north, enjoy your summer; we look forward to seeing you in the fall.

COMING EVENTS

Father's Day Cruise aboard Yacht Starship

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Yankees vs. Tampa Bay Rays on July 25

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Come For a History Lesson At Our June 20 Luncheon

We're in for a history lesson at the Men's Club's June 20 luncheon meeting with our speaker talking about early residents in Hillsborough County.

Charles Nelson, is a docent at the Tampa Bay History Center and also works as a consultant and researcher with HCC's (Ruskin Campus) South County History Connections Project assisting in their mission to document and preserve the history of south Hillsborough County. Charlie will present the story of Hillsborough County's First People and also provide introductory comments on the Seminole tribe in Florida.



Charles Nelson

A native West Virginian, Charlie moved to Hillsborough County in 1998 and has been active in Tampa area history since then. He recently served as an instructor on Tampa Bay History at the Community Church College in Sun City Center. He also taught American History at HCC (Ybor City and Dale Mabry campuses) as an adjunct instructor. Charlie earned his MA in American History from George Mason University in Fairfax, VA. Charlie and his wife, Linda, lives in South Shore Falls in Apollo Beach.

We've had several speakers from the History Center in past years and they've never disappointed us. They come prepared with plenty of interesting facts and anecdotes, so you don't want to miss Charlie's presentation.



**Roast Pork with Stuffing
Mahi Mahi with Mango Sauce
and all the usual
Banquet Masters extras**

To make your reservation for lunch on June 20 send an email to

Mens.Club.Lunch.Reservations@gmail.com

or telephone our office at 633-7091 before 3 p.m. on Friday, June 15

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.

Where Should We Go Next?

Do you have some thoughts about special outings you’d like to see from your Men’s Club? Over the years we’ve toured the Port of Manatee, the Tampa Airport, the Dali Museum and many other locations. We’ve also taken trips to baseball and hockey games and concerts and thrown in a cruise or too for good measure.



However, we are always looking for ideas on other excursions we can schedule for our members. Do you have some ideas. Where would you like to see us visit.

If you have some thoughts, contact Jim Rottman, our Vice President for Special Projects, by dropping him an email at jrottman@tampabay.rr.com.

Don’t be afraid to offer a suggestion out of fear that you might get trapped into making it happen. Jim and the Club will do the work if your suggestion is one we think will appeal to members and fits into our schedule.

Speaker Idea? Speak Up!

We’re sure you will agree that the Men’s Club has had some pretty great speakers at its luncheons over the past several years. We are constantly on the lookout for individuals that will inform, education or entertain, and sometimes all three. Topics have ranged from sports to health care to the environment to entertainment. Not every speaker “hit a home run” but we’ve had plenty of doubles and triples along the way.



George Bodmer, our Vice President for Programs, is constantly on the lookout for new ideas and interesting speakers we can invite.

Have you heard a speaker that you think might be interesting to our members? Do have an idea of a topic that we might cover at a future meeting. Do you, yourself, have a story worth sharing.

We can’t accommodate all ideas in the course of a year but we’d still like to hear your ideas. If you have a speaker suggestion, email George at:

george@baysiderealtyflorida.com

or look George up at our next meeting and pass along your thoughts.

Club Plans Father's Day Brunch Cruise

There's no better place to experience Tampa Bay's beauty and charm than aboard Yacht StarShip. Yacht StarShip's luxury yachts feature star-quality service, out-of-this-world views, entertainment and four-star cuisine freshly prepared by an Executive Chef and galley staff, and is recognized by AAA with a three diamond rating, making it the first dining yacht in the United States to be honored with this distinction.

That's why once again the Men's Club has arranged for members to cruise the bay aboard the Yacht StarShip on Father's Day, Sunday, June 17, 2018. We have 150 tickets reserved for members and their wives, sweethearts or companions, and these tickets go on sale now.

The tickets include a brunch buffet, 2-Hour Cruise, Cash Bar, includes coffee & tea service and DJ Entertainment & Dancing. Dad's drinks are complimentary (with a limit of 3 Premium Drinks per Dad).

Ticket Information: The cost for this event is \$75 per person; that includes round trip bus transportation from SCC Community Hall to the Yacht StarShip as well as the cruise tickets.

To participate in this event, you have some options:

1. Mail your check to Jim Rottman, Vice President for Special Projects, 2307 Emerald Lakes Drive in SCC, or
2. Contact Jim at 634-8122 or by email at jrottman@tampabay.rr.com.

Checks should be made payable to The Men's Club of SCC.

The bus will depart Community Hall at 1 p.m. Boarding starts at 2 p.m. and the actual cruise occurs between 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Our bus will return to Community Hall immediately after the conclusion of the cruise.



Brunch Buffet Menu:

Breakfast Items

- Scrambled Eggs
- Eggs Benedict
- Applewood Smoked Bacon
- Southern Sawmill Sausage Gravy with Buttermilk Biscuits
- Berkshire Smoked Breakfast Potatoes

Lunch Items

- Chicken Veronique, Sautéed Chicken Breast with Grapes in a Tarragon Green Peppercorn Cream Sauce
- Roasted Salmon with Artichoke Fennel Cream Sauce
- Green Beans with Stewed Tomatoes and Pearl Onions
- Red Bliss Mashed Potatoes with White Cheddar Cheese
- Hand-Carved Prime Rib of Beef Au Jus

Side Items

- Fresh Fruit Platter
- International Cheese Platter with Flatbread and Crackers
- Chilled Fresh Herb Spiced Grilled Shrimp with Zatarins Remoulade
- "BLT" Salad – Chopped Iceberg Lettuce, Bacon, Cherry Tomato Halves, Cucumber, Red Onion, Garbanzo Beans and Black Olives with Avocado Ranch Dressing
- Crispy Broccoli Jicama Slaw with Smoked Almonds
- Bocconcini Salad with Grape Tomatoes, Fresh Mozzarella, Red Onion, Artichoke Hearts Tossed with Creamy Balsamic Dressing over Arugula

Dessert

- Chocolate Strawberry Shortcake with Marshmallow Whipped Cream
- Bread Pudding



Are You Moving?

If you have a new address, please be sure to keep your Men's Club up-to-date. We want to make sure our database is correct so they we know where to find you and what district to place you in.

If you have a new address, please contact our VP for Membership, Jon Lehr and let him know about the change. You can phone Jon at 260-3058 or email him at jonlehrscc@aol.com.

Thanks for your cooperation and assistance.



Has Your Email Address Changed?

Because most of the communications to members from your Men's Club comes by email, it is important that we have your current and correct email address. Without a current address, you may miss out on some of the great events your club sponsors.

If you have a new email, please contact our VP for Membership, Jon Lehr and let him know about the change. You can phone Jon at 260-3058 or email him at jonlehrscc@aol.com.



Volunteers Are Needed Around Town

Many of our community organizations need your help. To volunteer, consider the following:

- SCC Emergency Squadphone 633-1411
- SCC Security Patrolphone 642-2020
- Seniors vs. Crimephone 634-8666

Board Position Created for Reservations Manager

At its meeting in May, the Men's Club Board of Directors voted to create a new position on the Board, that of Reservations Manager. The board member holding this position is responsible to managing the reservation process for all club events, including the special events at which our ladies are invited guests.

By adding this position to the board, we hope to identify improvements to the process that will enhance the accuracy of our reservation system and find was to eliminate the confusion that occurs from time to time when more members arrive for lunch than have made reservations.



John Bowker

The Board has named John Bowker to fill that position, effective immediately. John, with his wife Linda, have been managing the reservation process for several years. John's election to the Board represents a recognition by the Board that he fulfills a key role for the club.

Substitute Drivers Needed For Meals on Wheels July Deliveries



Each July, the Men's Club takes its turn participating in the Meals-on-Wheels program in Sun City Center, delivering delicious, hot meals prepared at South Bay Hospital to home-bound seniors in our community

Denny Gray, our club treasurer, coordinates our participation in the program. Denny has filled all the delivery spots for the month but still needs volunteers to be available as substitute drivers to fill in when the regularly volunteers are unavailable. To contact Denny, give him a call at 633-4294.



Carl McGary (left) and Larry Chambers show off their Men's Club finery.

You Can't Have The Shirt Off My Back...But You Can Have Your Own!

Are you a new member who is admiring those handsome burgundy shirts emblazoned with the Men's Club Logo

Lost a few pounds? Need a smaller shirt size?

Perhaps the washing machine has shrunk your shirt and it is now a little too tight. (We know you haven't gained weight despite those great meals from Banquet Masters.)

Men's Club shirts are always available for purchase. Membership Guru Jon Lehr holds forth in the back of the room at Community Hall during each of our meetings. If you are in need of a new shirt, be sure to look Jon up. Or you can contact him at 260-3058 or by email at:

jonlehrscc@aol.com

Shirts cost \$23 and are available in the traditional burgundy and light blue. For an extra \$2 you can have your first name embroidered on the shirt.

Remember

If a club member refers someone to Lifeline who becomes a subscriber, the club member will earn a certificate good for a free lunch at one of our regular meetings.

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 Jim Collins.



Subscribers - 599
YTD Installer home visits - 392
YTD Responder assists - 208
YTD Hospital transports - 43
Through May 31, 2018

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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

Snapshots From Our 2018 Spring Luncheon



Roving photographer Jay Sparkman captured this shot of our speaker, Meteorologist Paul Dellegatto, center, along with President Joe DeFelice, left, and Vice President for Programs George Bodner, right.



Among the several hundred members and guests, Steve Lucas and his wife, Sheri joined Dr. Pat Crow and his wife Mary Kay to enjoy a feast fit for royalty.



Above, Just look at those smiles. You know that Lenny Crooks and Cathy Thomas (standing) enjoyed their time at the Spring Luncheon with Mary Haverstock, Sammy Samuelson and Martha DelGado (seated)



Left, Troy Coman wowed the crowd at our May 16 Spring Luncheon, with his vocal renditions of our favorite melodies.



Sign Up Now for Our Next Baseball Outing

The Tampa Bay Rays are having an “up and down” start to this season but one team they are always “up” for is the New York Yankees. The Yanks will be in town on July 25 and your Men’s Club will be there.

Special Projects VP **Jim Rottman** has plans in the works for another outing to Tropicana Field, to see our home town Rays take on their Eastern Division Rivals from The Big Apple. Yep! They 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 June meeting or see Jim Rottman. You can contact Jim at 634-8122 or by email at jrottman@tampabay.rr.com



*Please join the SCC Men’s Club
on a fundraising cruise aboard the*

OASIS OF THE SEAS

December 23 - 30, 2018
*Sailing from Port Canaveral to Labadee, Falmouth (Jamaica)
and Cozumel (Mexico) – 7 days*

Ocean view stateroom	Category 6N	from \$1277.74 per person <small>(includes all port taxes/gov’t fees)</small>
Boardwalk balcony	Category 4I	from \$1475.74 per person <small>(includes port taxes/gov’t fees)</small>
Ocean view balcony	Category 8D	from \$1604.74 per person <small>(includes port taxes/gov’t fees)</small>

(All categories may not be available at this time; please inquire about current availability/promotions)

Deposit due:	\$250 per person at time of booking - NONREFUNDABLE
Final payment due:	September 12, 2018

****Trip cancellation/medical insurance is highly recommended for this cruise!
Motor coach transportation is not included in the fare, but will be available at a later date based upon group size.

Contact us with questions: Sun City Center Travelworld - 634-3318
Men’s Club trip coordinator: Jim Rottman 634-8122

Cruise with the Men’s Club Aboard Carnival’s *Oasis of the Seas*

More than 40 members and guests have 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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