

The Chronicle



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March (Men's Club) Madness!

<p>March 6:</p> <p>Don't Be Scammed!</p> <p>A Free Consumer Protection Forum</p> <p>8:30 a.m. to 12 noon</p> <p>SCC Community Hall</p>	<p>March 17:</p> <p>SCC Fun Fest!</p> <p>A Fabulous Feast of Pork Chops and Chicken</p> <p>10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.</p> <p>SCC Central Campus</p>	<p>March 21:</p> <p>Oh Doggy!</p> <p>Southeastern Guide Dogs Visit Our Monthly Meeting</p> <p>11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.</p> <p>SCC Community Hall</p>
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The GAVEL

A report from your President
By Joe DeFelice



Hello members. On February 2nd Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow and as legend has it we have six more weeks of winter. I know as temperatures hovered near 80 I think we are so glad we live in this great area of Florida. Our famous Valentine's dance was another exciting night as always. Speaking of exciting events, our trip to see Billy Joel was another huge success with the bus filled.

March is setting up to be another exciting month. The Men's Club partnering with the Hillsborough Sheriff's Office will sponsor a Consumer Fraud Forum on March 6th. Coffee and donuts will be provided. Don't miss this event because the list of speakers is outstanding. Funfest and Pork Chops on the 17th will surely be on everyone's list of things to do in Sun City Center. All these special events are made possible by the dedication of the great members of our club. See you soon and keep encouraging your new neighbors to come to a monthly meeting and enjoy their introductory free luncheon and see what we have to offer.

March is a busy month for Men's Club members with three events scheduled for the month (and, of course, in the midst of it all is St. Patrick's Day, also a mandatory day for men to celebrate).

- ▶ The month starts on March 6, with our consumer protection forum jointly hosted with the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office and the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay. There will be informative speakers, several gift basket attendance prizes and free donuts and coffee. The event, which is open to the entire SCC community, starts when doors open at 8:30 am.
- ▶ On March 17, members get their grillin' duds on and fire up the barbecues. We'll be serving those delicious one pound pork chops and grilled chicken breasts at the annual SCCCA Fun Fest celebration on the Central Campus of SCC. If you are not cooking, you should be eating these great foods.
- ▶ Last, but not least, at our March 21 monthly meeting, we will be graced with the presence of four volunteers from the Southeastern Guide Dogs Foundation (and some of their four-legged friends) to explain how these talented pooches are trained to provide assistance to visually impaired individuals. The traditional corned beef and cabbage will highlight the menu for the day.



More details on these events will be found inside this edition of **The Chronicle**.

To make your reservation for lunch on March 21 send an email to Mens.Club.Lunch.Reservations@gmail.com.

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.



March 21 Program Highlights Southeastern Guide Dogs

Our program on March 21 highlights the work of the Southeastern Guide Dogs program at its campus in Palmetto. Southeastern Guide Dogs transforms lives by creating and nurturing extraordinary partnerships between people and dogs, throughout the United States. A nonprofit with a national reach, it trains dogs of the highest pedigree for people who are blind and for veterans, providing premier dogs and lifetime services at no cost, without government funds.

Four speakers will join us. Sue Croley and Bob Minthorn are husband and wife who have raised ten puppies for the program; one of their “graduates” is Ruth who serves as an Ambassador for the program. Joining Sue and Bob will be Cathy Mithaug, who has been with the program since 2009, volunteering as a member of the local puppy raiser group; she will be joined by her Ambassador dog, Ben. Also participating on our meeting will be Diane Lincoln, a volunteer since 2016 who is raising her first puppy, Gigi.

March 21 Menu

- Corned Beef and Cabbage**
- Tilapia Piccata**
- Chef’s Choice of Vegetables**
- Glorious Desserts**
- Plus Salad Bar, Rolls and Beverages**

Don't Be Scammed!

Hillsborough Sheriff to Speak At Consumer Protection Forum March 6 in Community Hall

The Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office and the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay have teamed up with The Men's Club of Sun City Center to sponsor the "Don't Be Scammed! A Free Consumer Protection Forum," which will be held on Tuesday, March 6 at Community Hall. The event is open to the entire Sun City Center community. There is no charge for admission and no tickets required.



Sheriff
Chad Chronister

Doors will open at 8:30 a.m. The program will start at 9 a.m. until Noon. Every attendee will receive a free raffle ticket. The Men's Club will provide free coffee and donuts to attendees and Jeff Merry of the HCSO has procured several attendance prizes to be raffled to attendees throughout the morning. The first drawing will take place before 9:30 a.m., so don't be late to take advantage of these prizes.

Hillsborough Sheriff Chad Chronister leads an exciting lineup of speaker. The speakers will provide pertinent information to residents on the scams and frauds that target seniors in our community and ways to protect us from becoming victims. There will be table displays with information from the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, the Seniors vs.

Crime Program, and the Men's Club's Lifeline Personal Emergency Alert System as well as the Florida Department of Insurance.



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| Jim Wendell | Dan Bieber |
| Angelo Scaglione | George Viner |
| Dan Reasor | Bob Goelz |
| Paul Stratton | Jim Tromblee |
| George Mutti | Roland Laprade |

Oops...



Apologies to our new Vice President for Health Care for misspelling his first name in the February Issue of The Chronicle. It is Vicente Lopez, Jr.

Lifeline Update Will Return
Next Month

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 8:30 a.m.** Doors open for complementary coffee and donuts
- 9:00 a.m.** Welcoming remarks by Joe DeFelice, Men's Club President and Richard Rios on behalf of the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay
- 9:05 a.m.** Hillsborough County Sheriff Chad Chronister (First Door Prize Drawing)
- 9:15 a.m.** Andrew Sekela, Supervisory Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation (Second Door Prize Drawing)
- 9:40 a.m.** Bryan Oglesby, Director, Public Relations and Outreach, Better Business Bureau Serving West Florida (Third Door Prize Drawing)
- 10:05 a.m.** Carl J. Reschke, Law Enforcement Lieutenant, Division of Investigative and Forensic Services, Florida Bureau of Insurance Fraud (Fourth Door Prize Drawing)
- 10:30 a.m.** Rock Roque, Manager for the Division of Agent and Agency, Florida Department of Financial Services (Fifth Door Prize Drawing)
- 10:55 a.m.** Jackie Calloway, ABC Action News Consumer Reporter
- 11:20 a.m.** Deputy Jeffrey Merry, Sun City Center Community Resource Deputy, Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office (Final Door Prize Drawing)
- 11:30 a.m.** Program Adjourns



Baseball Outing Set for April 18

Our club has a trip planned to see the Tampa Bay Rays on their Senior Prom Day, Wednesday April 18th when the home team takes on the Texas Rangers. The game starts at 1:10 p. m. A bus has been booked and we will depart at 11:30 a.m. from the northwest corner of the Community Hall parking lot.



We will have Press Level seats and will receive a gift from the Rays of a visor, tote bag, or seat cushion. The price will be \$32 which includes the

admission ticket and bus transportation.

You can reserve your place at the March meeting or by contacting VP for Special Projects Jim Rottman by phone at 634-8122 or by email at:

Jrottman@tampabay.rr.com.

Save the Date: July 25

We'll be going to the Top to watch the Rays and the Yankees do battle. More details later. Reservations are not being taken yet.



Go Christmas Cruising With the Men's Club

The Men's Club's **VP for Special Projects, Jim Rottman** has announced plans for the Men's Club's fundraising 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 are found on page 5 of this issue.

MEN'S CLUB EXECUTIVE BOARD for 2018

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Royal Caribbean
INTERNATIONAL

*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
(includes all port taxes/gov't fees)

Boardwalk balcony Category 4I from \$1475.74 per person
(includes port taxes/gov't fees)

Ocean view balcony Category 8D from \$1604.74 per person
(includes port taxes/gov't fees)

(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

To date, Men's Club fundraising cruises in cooperation with Travelworld have raised more than \$30,000.00 for Men's Club projects throughout our community. Thanks to all the members and guests who have participated in these past trips.