

The Chronicle



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The GAVEL

A report from your President



By Don Murphy

Hello!

Welcome to the May issue of The Chronicle newsletter. We received lots of positive comments about our speaker Dr. Maureen Maciel, Chief of Staff at Shriners' Hospital Tampa. It certainly gives one pause to consider the important work done by so many extraordinary people.

We had a very exciting game to watch when we went to see the Rays vs. the Tigers on April 20 and the Rays beat the Detroit Tigers 8 to 1! The day represented another home run by are very talented and able VP Programs - Jim Rottman.

In a discussion at the last Executive Board Meeting it was agreed to that couples who sign up for one of our ladies events on their own will be assigned to tables reserved especially for those couples through out the room starting with the front/second row. The assignments will also be based on the date of the receipt of their payment. We hope this will generate a fairer and more acceptable outcome.

The Salute to Veterans is around the corner and we are busy making plans for this event. Remember, as a community gesture we swapped our normal meeting date (third Wednesday of the month) for Thursday, June 22nd at 11:30 AM.

Our May 17 Luncheon

It's Our Ladies Day to Shine

It is time to invite your special lady to join us for our annual Spring Luncheon to be held on May 17 in the Community Hall. This year's event features entertainment by a seven piece ensemble from The South Shore Concert Band.

Our menu includes roast pork with stuffing and gravy and the ever popular chicken piccata and filet of sole. Of course there also will be the makings for a spectacular salad and those phenomenal desserts prepared by Banquet Masters.



A reservation form is included with this newsletter. However, reservations close on May 12 so there is no time to loose in getting your reservation made. EMAILED RESERVATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Seating will once again be at tables of eight but special arrangements can be made if your group is larger. The event is BYO per SCCCA policy. Sport coats are recommended attire for the gentlemen in attendance. Do remember to wear your Men's Club badge to the event.

JUNE MEETING DATE CORRECTION

Somebody wasn't paying attention last month and put the wrong date for the June Vietnam Veterans' Celebration in **The Chronicle** for April. The correct date for the event is **Thursday, June 22, 2017**. That is the **fourth Thursday** of June. Mark your calendar now for the correct date of our June meeting.

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 Lifeline Program Supports Our Community

By David Floyd

The Lifeline Office sponsored by the Sun City Center Men's Club is supporting our local Sun City Center organizations by helping them protect their members who may be alone in their facilities.

The Lifeline Office has just installed a Lifeline system with fall detection in the SCC Emergency Squad Building to protect their members who have late and overnight shift duties. It is the Men's Club pleasure to supply the system at no cost to the Emergency Squad. The alert will go directly to the Hillsborough County's Fire Rescue call center.

A similar offer has been made to the SCC Security Patrol. The Patrol is considering the offer.

According to David Floyd, -VP Lifeline, "Lifeline and the SCC Men's Club will continue to support the SCC community to protect our community's residents".

The Fitness Center at Club Renaissance has installed a Lifeline fall detection system as they often have single users and no attendants on duty. The Club wanted to protect their fitness center users.



Bruce Fraser, Men's Club installer, handing the equipment to Mike Albanese, Assistant Chief of Safety

Lifeline at a reasonable cost brings security and peace of mind to subscribers and their families. The SCC Men's Club also has a program for financial assistance for those on a limited budget. Lifeline can be reached at 813-633-7091 for further information.

Lifeline

Installer of the Month



Dave Kruger

Lifeline Installers 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 and 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.

Help Spread the Word About the Men's Club Lifeline Program and earn a free lunch in the process!

To help us get the word out, the Men's Club will buy lunch at a regularly monthly meeting for any club member who refers a new subscriber to Lifeline.

Year to Date Lifeline Statistics:

Total subscribers: 621

YTD Installer home visits: 330

YTD Responder assists: 166

YTD Hospital transports: 37



Al Palladino
Henry R. Hosman
Frank Nowik
Tom Andrews
Tom Goselin
Barnett Alpert
Robert Daws

Remember, the Club Buys Lunch for any potential member you bring along to one of our meetings as a guest. Just include your guest's name when making your reservation.

Also invite your guest to attend our club orientation by Membership Guru Jon Lehr starting a few minutes after 11 before each regular meeting.

Coming in June

We will honor more than 60
members of our club who served
in the Armed Forces during the
Vietnam War.

Remember, this meeting is on
THURSDAY, June 22.



Coming on November 1:

Andre Rieu

and The Johann Strauss Orchestra

The club has reserved 51 tickets to go to Amalie Arena on Wednesday, November 1st, 2017 to see famed conductor Andre Rieu and his world renown Johann Strauss Orchestra! A bus has also been reserved to take attendees from North Campus parking near the former North Golf Course to the event departing at 6:30 p.m. and returning at approximately 11:30 p.m.

Along with his 60 piece Johann Strauss Orchestra (the largest private orchestra in the world), Andre Rieu has created a global revival in waltz music, staging spectacular extravaganzas which are second to none.

His romantic and fun shows are among the few where people regularly jump to their feet and dance in the aisles. It is not uncommon to see devoted fans laughing, weeping, clapping, dancing, and embracing when they listen to the beautiful waltzes, spirituals, musicals, folk songs, and marches and Andre's precious Stradivarius violin from 1732. His shows are a perfect mix of thrilling, romantic, festive and emotional melodies combined with surprises, balloons, beautiful soloists and of course Andre's great sense of humor.

The price for Men's Club members and guests is \$130.00 each which includes seats in Section 114 and round trip bus transportation. The ticket price is the same whether one takes the bus or not.

Make your reservations now with a check for \$130.00 per person payable to the SCC Men's Club and sent to Jim Rottman at 2307 Emerald Lake Drive or dropped off at the Men's Club Lifeline Office.

Due to the large ticket investment, ticket availability will be opened up to other than members on May 18th.

Men's Club Support Groups Continuing to Meet During Summer Months

By Bob Sullivan
VP Health Care

The year continues (days are getting warmer) and the traffic is lighter due to the northern migration of our snow birds. We look upon our Sun City Center Men's Club Health Care support groups. We will continue to have coverage as follows:

- ✓ Diabetes – 2nd Wednesday 2:00 p.m. at Sun Towers 101 Trinity Lakes Drive
- ✓ Low Hearing – 3rd Tuesday St Andrew Presbyterian Church 1239 Del Webb Blvd. West at 10 a.m.
- ✓ Low Vision – 3rd Wednesday 1:30 p.m. at Sun Towers 101 Trinity Lakes Drive
- ✓ Pain Management – Neuropathy – 2nd Thursday 1:30 p.m. at Sun Towers 101 Trinity Lakes Drive
- ✓ Parkinson's – 3rd Monday 1:30 p.m. at Sun Towers 101 Trinity Lakes Drive
- ✓ Man to Man – Every Wednesday 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon Marie LeBlanc Room (Behind the Men's Club Office on Cherry Hills Drive
- ✓ Prostate – 2nd Monday of the Month at 2 p.m. – Sun City Center Community Hall (1910 S Pebble Beach Rd)

Note that the location for the Prostate Support Group has changed to Room 3 of the SCC Community Hall for the balance of the year.

Former Navy Seal to Address Safety, Security and Situational Awareness at May 16 Hearing Loss Meeting

Session to Appeal to All Residents Regardless of Hearing Status

By Bill Dauber

There'll be a very special guest speaker at the May 16 meeting of the Men's Club's Hearing Loss Support Group (cosponsored by the Sun City Center Hearing Loss Association Chapter). Former U.S. Navy Seal Dave Rogers will present the topic "Safety, Security and Situational Awareness" at St. Andrew Presbyterian church, 1239 Del Webb Blvd. West, starting at 10:00 a.m. He will discuss situational awareness and security training which will provide us with strategies that could save our life and the lives of our loved ones in time of crisis.



Although the meeting is sponsored by the Hearing Loss Group, the program will be of interest to all SCC residents, regardless of their hearing status.

Although our country seems to be increasingly dangerous, there are specific mindsets, tactics and techniques that ordinary civilians can implement in their daily lives in order to maintain their quality of life and sense of security. Mr. Rogers, from Tampa Firearms Training, will provide us with the knowledge and tools to be confident in handling potentially dangerous situations, whether in your home, school, workplace, place of worship, movie theaters, malls, large venues, etc.

All are welcome to attend. For those with hearing loss, Tess Crowder of Communication Access, Inc. will provide captioning (cart). St. Andrew has installed a hearing loop so those with hearing aids can switch their hearing aid to t-coil for direct sound.

Please join members for this potentially lifesaving presentation. In the world today you never know when you might need this information and, if you do need it, it might be too late to acquire it in time.

IN MEMORIAM

Jack Fischer

Member of the Men's Club for more than 30 years and long-time editor of its Newsletter



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.



MS Caribbean Princess has a capacity of more than 3,600 passengers, one of the largest carrying capacity in the Princess fleet. She has 900 balcony staterooms and a deck of mini-suites. She was the first modern cruise ship with an outdoor theater, which Princess bills as "Movies Under The Stars".



Please join the
SUN CITY CENTER MEN'S CLUB ON A FUNDRAISING
CRUISE
On Princess Cruise Lines' *NEWLY REFURBISHED* ship

CARIBBEAN PRINCESS
10-NIGHT CRUISE INTO THE NEW PANAMA CANAL LOCKS!

NOVEMBER 10 - 20, 2017

CRUISING FROM FORT LAUDERDALE
To PRINCESS CAYS, CARTEGENA, PANAMA CANAL-NEW LOCKS,
COLON (PANAMA), LIMON (COSTA RICA), GRAND CAYMAN

CATEGORY ID - INSIDE CABIN	\$1399.00
CATEGORY OF - OCEAN VIEW CABIN	\$1799.00
CATEGORY BD - BALCONY STATEROOM	\$2099.00
CATEGORY BB - BALCONY STATEROOM	\$2199.00

Per person rates - *Includes all government fees/port taxes!*
\$100.00 PER person deposit required to hold your stateroom
Final payment due: August 16, 2017

ASK ABOUT MILITARY BENEFIT ONBOARD CREDIT!
VALID PASSPORT REQUIRED
Note that travel insurance is highly recommended ~ ask for a quote!
Motor coach transportation from Sun City Center to Ft. Lauderdale available at add'l cost.

For more information: *Travelworld 634-3318*

MEN: Know Your Tools (Part I)

SKILL SAW - A portable cutting tool used to make boards too short.

BELT SANDER - An electric sanding tool commonly used to convert minor touch-up jobs into major refinishing jobs.



WIRE WHEEL - Cleans paint off bolts and then throws them somewhere under the workbench with the speed of light. Also removes fingerprints and hard-earned calluses from fingers in about the time it takes you to say, 'Oh shit'. Will easily wind a tee shirt off your back.

DRILL PRESS - A tall upright machine useful for suddenly snatching flat metal bar stock out of your hands so that it smacks you in the chest and flings your beer across the room, denting the freshly-painted project which you had carefully set in the corner where nothing could get to it.

CHANNEL LOCKS - Used to round off bolt heads. Sometimes used in the creation of blood-blisters.



HACK SAW - One of a family of cutting tools built on the Ouija board principle. It transforms human energy into a crooked, unpredictable motion, and the more you attempt to influence its course, the more dismal your future becomes.



WISE GRIPS - Generally used after pliers to completely round off bolt heads. If nothing else is available, they can also be used to transfer intense welding heat to the palm of your hand.



OXYACETYLENE TORCH - Used almost entirely for igniting various flammable objects in your shop and creating a fire. Also handy for igniting the grease inside the wheel hub out of which you want to remove a bearing race.

TABLE SAW - A large stationary power tool commonly used to launch wood projectiles for testing wall integrity. Very effective for digit removal!!

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THE MEN'S CLUB

INVITES YOU AND YOUR LADY TO OUR

Annual Spring Luncheon

When: Wednesday, May 17, 2017

Where: Sun City Center Community Hall

Join us at 11:30 a.m. for a concert presented by a seven piece ensemble from

The South Shore Concert Band

**followed by a buffet luncheon featuring roast pork with stuffing and gravy
chicken piccata and filet of sole, plus salad, desserts and drinks**

\$45.00 per couple

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 mail the completed form with your check at \$45 per couple to:

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

For Information call John at 633-1427

CONFIRMATION WILL BE SENT BY EMAIL OR MAIL. NO PAPER TICKETS WILL BE SENT

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

Member Name: _____ Spouse/Guest: _____

Email address _____

Check Number _____

Reservation Deadline: May 12, 2017