

The Chronicle



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The GAVEL

A report from your President
By Joe DeFelice



Observing a Moment of Silence

sects – denominational and non-denominational, as well as other religious affiliations. We also have members who are non-believers.

To encompass all, The Board decided to make the luncheon blessing non-secular. The Board decided that we would ask members to give thanks, and reflection, and provide a moment of silence for the members to have their own private prayer.

Our Club is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit charity chartered under Florida Statue 617. We are neither political nor religious. Thus, we felt this was the best approach to reflect the views of ALL members. Be assured the Men's Club is not removing God from the club; rather we are allowing each member to pray and reflect in his own way. We hope everyone can understand and support the Board's position.

Also this month, we bring a potentially controversial yet timely topic to our monthly meeting, that of medical marijuana. However, we have enlisted a speaker with impeccable credentials to give us the facts on this issue. Please come to our meeting and learn.

November 21 Meeting

USF Professor to Speak on Medical Marijuana

We have a very distinguished speaker joining us on November 21 to speak on a very timely and controversial topic. Our speaker is Dr. Angela Hill. Dr. Hill will be educating us on the pros and cons of medicines derived from the marijuana plant, medicines now legally available in the State of Florida.

Dr. Hill is a tenured Professor and Chair of the department of Pharmacotherapeutics and Clinical Research and Associate Dean of Clinical Practice at the USF College of Pharmacy. Dr. Hill received her Doctor of pharmacy degree from Florida A&M University, completed a postgraduate residency in Neurology from the Neuroscience Research Foundation of Florida, and is a licensed consultant pharmacist.



Dr. Angela Hill

She is also the pharmacy consultant at the USF Health Byrd Alzheimer's Institute where she is involved in comprehensive medication reviews, patient visits, drug-related research and community outreach. At the Byrd Institute, Dr. Hill works closely with the USF Byrd Alzheimer's Memory C.A.R.E. Center, Movement Disorders/Parkinson's Clinic and collaborates with

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To make your reservation for lunch on November 21 send an email to

Mens.Club.Lunch.Reservations@gmail.com

or telephone our new reservation line at 813-938-3545 before Noon on Sunday, November 18

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.

New Lunch Reservation Phone Line, Deadline Reminder

The Men’s Club has installed a new phone line for making reservations for our monthly luncheons. The new phone line is to be used instead of calling the Men’s Club Office, as has been the case for the last couple of years. The new phone number is (813) 938-3545.

However, the preferred method of making reservations is still by emailing:

Mens.Club.Lunch.Reservations@gmail.com

Also, the deadline for making reservations has been extended. New reservations and changes to existing reservations can be made up until noon on the Sunday immediately preceding the day of the meeting.

Remember, advance reservations are required for all meetings of the Men’s Club.

ANNUAL DUES OF \$20.00 PAYABLE NOW

Bring your check to the November lunch or mail your check to the Men’s Club Office, 1002 Cherry Hills Drive, Sun City Center, Florida 33573. We value your membership and hope you’ll stick with us for another year.

SCC Men’s Chorus to Entertain at December 19 Luncheon Event

Reservations are now open for members to treat their spouses and significant others to the Men’s Club’s annual holiday luncheon taking place on December 19 in the SCC Community Hall. This annual event is traditionally one of the largest events on the club’s annual calendar. You will want to reserve early to get a favorable spot in the venue.

See John or Linda Bowker at the November meeting to sign-up and pay-up.

Entertaining us this year will be the highly regarded Sun City Center Men’s Chorus. The Men’s Chorus was one of the first organizations started in SCC, and celebrated their 50th year in existence in 2011-12. The chorus is well known in the area for its involvement in a variety of civic and charitable performances. The singers are under the direction of by Lynn Hirshfeld and accompanied by Claire Hadley. The typical Men’s Chorus repertoire for the season includes more than a dozen songs. Some are traditional or seasonal. Others are tied to the music his-

November Meeting Features Dr. Angela Hill

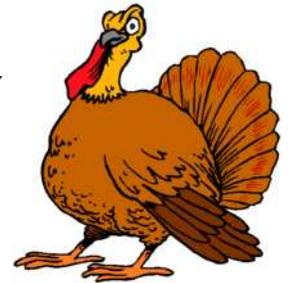
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clinicians on-scientific research, and speaks to groups of medical professionals and students. She also provides clinical services at Royal Sun Assisted Living Memory Care Facility. Dr. Angela Hill was one of the pioneer for providing pharmacy services in Memory Disorder Clinics in the State of Florida

Our usual guest policy applies for this meeting. Prospective members dine as guests of the club. For the rest of us the cost is \$14.00 as usual.

Marvelous Menu Awaits

Our November meeting features our traditional and highly popular carved roasted turkey together with dressing and cranberry sauce. Also available will be the equally popular tilapia piccata along with Chef’s choice of vegetables, salad bar and stupendous Banquet Masters desserts.



tory of Broadway and of our country...some humorous, some sentimental, and some patriotic, but all should be tunes that are familiar.

Details are on the reservation form at the end of this edition of The Chronicle. Complete the reservation form and bring it to the November meeting where John and Linda Bowker will be on hand to confirm your reservation. Or drop it off at the Men’s Club office on Cherry Hills Drive, All reservations must be paid in advance to be confirmed.

Will we see you there? It will be a great date event.



2019 Officer Slate Announced

At the October general meeting, Don Murphy, chair of the club's nominating committee announced the following slate of officers to service for 2019:

- President: David Floyd**
- President-elect: Bruce Frasier**
- Treasurer: Denman Gray**
- Secretary: Bill Cox**
- Reservations Manager: John Bowker**
- VP District Operations: Mike Albanese**
- VP Lifeline: Bob Sullivan**
- VP Membership: Jon Lehr**
- VP Programs: George Bodmer**
- VP Special Projects: Jim Rottman**
- VP Communications: Art Smith**
- Past President: Joe DeFelice**

Per the By-laws a formal vote to elect the officers will take place at the November meeting. Nominations from the floor will be taken at that time.

Shown above, from left to right, are the new officer candidates: Rottman, Bodmer, Lehr, Murphy, Smith, Sullivan, Lopez, Frazier, Gray, DeFelice, Cox and Floyd.

Club Adopts New Logo Reflecting Commitment To Community Service

You may have seen a new logo for the Men's Club adorning the table skirts for Lifeline and our Life Care Activities. The board recently adopted this new logo as a way to identify and promote the Men's Club. The logo, which appeared on signs around the community promoting the health fare, will be used selectively to promote and identify the club. You will also soon see it appearing on Men's Club documents.



Not to worry, the family Men's Club scroll appearing on our shirts will not be replaced. It is not our goal to go into the merchandize business to force member to buy new shirts. The new logo was designed by our VP



The following new members joined us in October: Roger McCann, Ron Priest, Duane Fuller, Frank White, Jerry Ludwig, Steven Cohn, Glenn Vance, and Roy Childrey. Welcome aboard; we hope you enjoy the ride with us.

A Few Tickets Remain

HELLO DOLLY!

Your Men's Club purchased 50 tickets to this great event on Sunday, December 9 at 2 p.m. and has arranged a bus to get us to the Straz Center on time. Tickets are \$120. Contact Jim Rottman by email at JROTTMAN@TAMPABAY.RR.COM or by phone at 634-8122 or drop off a check at the Men's Club Office on Cherry Hills Drive to reserve a spot.

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.

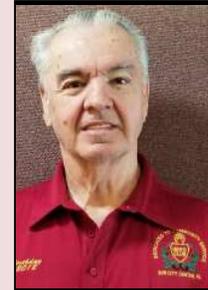
Hearing Aid Recycling

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.

Lifeline Update

Joe Dube
Lifeline Installer
of the Month for
September.

Thanks Joe!



Subscribers - 597
YTD Installer home visits - 762
YTD Responder assists - 409
YTD Hospital transports - 85
Through October 31, 2018

Lifeline Office Welcomes Julie Wickersham to Staff

There is a new smiling face to be found in the Men’s Club Lifeline Office. Julie Wickersham has joined the staff, joining Office Manager Nellie Brock. Julie will be answering calls from prospective Lifeline clients, and working with our volunteers to schedule maintenance and installation in client’s homes.



Julie writes:

“My husband Denny and I moved to Sun City Center from Peoria, Illinois, in 2014. We happily escaped those cold Midwest winters in order to be closer to our family here in sunny Florida. Since my background is healthcare practice management, I quickly found a home with the SCC Emergency Squad where I serve as Emergency Medical Responder, Assistant Captain and Assistant Chief of Acquisitions. I also volunteer with the Florida SHINE program as a Medicare counselor.

“I am grateful for the opportunity to join the Men’s Club Lifeline program and to support the valuable service this organization provides for our community. “



Club's Veteran's Memorial Donation Match Program is a Winner

More than \$12,000 was raised for the Veteran's Memorial in response to the Men's Club offer to match donations for brick purchases. With the addition of the Men's Club's \$5,000 donation, the Veteran's Memorial project is now nearly fully funded. President-elect Dave Floyd said "We are grateful for the outpouring of support from the community in response to our offer and are pleased that our club and its members could help fund this important community project."

Walt Cawein has said he expects the memorial to be completed in early December. Initial site work has already begun.

Shown above is Walt Cawein, Chair of the Veteran's Memorial Fund accepting a matching funds donation from Art Smith V.P. Communications, left, and President Elect Floyd.



Your Men's Club Officers send a big THANK YOU to all the members who volunteered for our October 30 Health Fair. The event drew more than 2,600 area residents and, by all reports, was a big success.

We could not have pulled it off without the help of more than 50 of our members who spent much of their day with us.

The Volunteer Spirit is alive and well in The Men's Club and allows us to be one of Sun City Center's most active civic organizations.

December Cruise Update

You can join in on the Men's Club Christmas cruise on the Royal Caribbean Oasis of the Seas if you act now! The Oasis will be sailing from Port Canaveral on December 23rd and returning on the 30th after stops at their private island, Labadee, Cozumel, and Falmouth, Jamaica. Contact SCC Travelworld at 634 -3318 to get the latest prices and book your vacation!

Already there are 50 members, spouses, and friends of the Men's Club booked ! The club has our own exclusive bus for transportation from SCC to the ship and back, have booked a group cocktail party on board, have planned a little group gambling in the casino for those so inclined, have arranged for group dining, and the travel agency will gladly coordinate all of the entertainment opportunities for you individually...along with handling all your pre cruise paperwork!

Join the fun..sail with the Men's Club at Christmas!



We neglected to give due credit to Chief Mike Bardell and the SCC Emergency Squad for their role in coordinating and scheduling the October 18 and October 25 health care events with Tampa General Hospital.

The Men's Club was proud to support these events with volunteers and publicity, but credit goes to the squad for initiating these events.

Are You Ready For Some Football?



The Men’s Club has acquired 48 tickets for the epic matchup between the swashbuckling Buccaneers of Tampa Bay and the prowling Panthers from Carolina. The game is on Sunday, December 2 and kickoff time is 1 p.m. We’ll travel by charter bus to and from RayJay. This event is sure to sell out so reserve your place now by contacting Jim Rottman at our next Men’s Club meeting or emailing Jim at Jrottman@tampabay.rr.com. You can also drop off a check at the Men’s Club office, 1002 Cherry Hills Drive, SCC.



- Cost:** \$100 per person for game ticket and bus transportation
- Seats:** Rows G and H in Section 227 (200 level corner)
- Time:** Bus departure from Community Hall 11 a.m. (tentative)



MEN’S CLUB EXECUTIVE BOARD for 2018

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The Men's Club of Sun City Center

invites you and your lady to our

Annual Holiday Luncheon

When: Wednesday, December 19, 2018

Where: Sun City Center Community Hall

Join us at 11:30 a.m. as we present seasonal music by

The Sun City Center Men's Chorus

followed by a buffet luncheon featuring carved prime rib with horseradish chicken marsala and salmon with dill sauce plus salad, desserts and drinks

\$24.50 per person for \$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 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

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

Member Name: _____ Spouse/Guest: _____

Email address _____

Check Number _____

Deadline for paid reservations: Friday, December 14, 2018