

The Chronicle



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The GAVEL

A report from your President
By Joe DeFelice



Hello Men's Club members. With only a few more weeks before Summer is over hopefully we can say goodbye to the rain and start to enjoy cooler temperatures. The club has many events scheduled for the Fall and hope you can attend and maybe even help out. I am sure Jim Rottman's wheels are turning to come up with more special events.

We had eight new members sign up at the last meeting and several have already volunteered to be Lifeline installers. This is what makes our club so great. It's members helping people to make lives in Sun City Center better for everyone. Please continue to be great ambassadors of our club so we can continue to grow and provide even more services for our residents.

Thank you.

Joe

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September Menu

**Glazed Ham and Italian Beef Meatballs
Plus all the usual great fixin's**



We have some really great news about our September 19 meeting. A very special speaker is heading our way.

Our speaker for September is **Orestes Destrade**, long time Rays' broadcaster and former major league baseball player. Orestes spent 15 seasons in pro baseball with the Yankees,



Pirates, Seibu Lions of the Japanese Pacific League and the Marlins as a designated hitter, first baseman and outfielder. He led the Japanese Pacific League in home runs for three consecutive seasons (1990-92) and was named Most Valuable Player of the 1990 Japan Series.

Currently, Orestes is in his seventh season as a pre- and postgame host for the RAYS LIVE! show and an in-game sideline analyst for select Rays home games. In addition to his role with FOX Sports Sun, he enters his second season as director of baseball and community outreach with the Rays. Prior to joining the Rays broadcast, Orestes worked for ESPN as a host on Baseball Tonight and an analyst for the Little League World Series for five years. He also hosted live weekday radio sports talk shows on XM Radio and ESPN Radio, in addition to making several appearances on ESPN Deportes' TV and radio programs."

To make your reservation for lunch on September 19 send an email to

Mens.Club.Lunch.Reservations@gmail.com

or telephone our office at 633-7091 before 3 p.m. on Friday, September 14

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

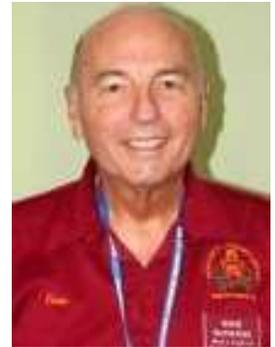
We have teamed with Phillips, a leading provider of personal alert systems, to facilitate enrolling seniors in our community with the Phillips Lifeline system. For more information, call our Lifeline Office at 633-7091.

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.

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 **Gene Raymond** who retired as in Installer in August. Gene has been with the Lifeline program for 4 years and we greatly appreciate all that he has done to support Lifeline. .



Subscribers - 603
YTD Installer home visits - 601
YTD Responder assists - 324
YTD Hospital transports - 65
Through August 30, 2018

Why You Should Choose

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PERSONAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE SYSTEM

BY THE MEN’S CLUB OF SUN CITY CENTER

- ◆ Competitive Pricing
- ◆ Free installation, training and service by qualified local volunteers
- ◆ No contract or cancellation fees
- ◆ Advanced location technologies to help find you at home or on the go, AutoAlert fall detection system and two-way voice communication
- ◆ 24/7/365 Response Center Support

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

The Rules of the Road are not Optional

By Deputy Jeff Merry



Sun City Center is a wonderful community in which to live, work, and play. Even so, at times it is very frustrating to navigate. There are an estimated 15,000 cars, 11,000 golf carts, and 2,000 bicycles within our community. This does not include the surrounding areas of Wimauma and Ruskin, whose residents come to the area for commerce. With that in mind, we all need and want voluntary compliance with traffic laws to reduce incidents, accidents, and injury.

Motor Vehicles and Golf Carts

The most common traffic complaint is the excessive speed of cars. Most roadways within Sun City Center are posted 35 mph and the roads in Kings Point are 25 mph. Fines for speeding begin at \$153.00. The next most common issues with vehicle drivers is their failure to come to a complete stop at stop signs and failing to signal. When approaching a stop sign the car or golf cart must cease all motion,



slowing down does not count as a stop. Another issue is the improper left turn where Rickenbacker Drive intersects with Valley Forge. Beginning to turn right then making a U-turn is failure to obey a traffic control device and a \$153.00 fine.

Cyclists

Bicycles have the same right to the roadways. Vehicles must give bicycles a 3 foot buffer. Bicycles must travel the same direction as traffic. Bicycles can be ridden on sidewalks but they must yield to pedestrians. They can be ridden after dark with headlamps and taillights.

Walking

Pedestrians are allowed to walk on county roadways. They must walk against the flow of traffic, on the left side of the road, and close to the curb. Walkers are encouraged to wear reflective clothing so drivers can see them more easily.

Golf Carts

Golf Carts are motor vehicles and therefore must adhere to all traffic laws, including stopping at stop signs and signaling their turns. They even have other additional restrictions. They are not allowed on State Highways, including 301 and 674. There are designated crossings for these highways. They are not allowed on the roadways after dusk or before dawn. No motor vehicle, including golf carts, are allowed on any sidewalk. Violations of these laws could incur fines beginning at \$153.00.

General Parking

Cars should not park in golf cart spaces because the spaces are narrower and shallower. In addition, it may impede emergency vehicles if a car is in a golf cart spot. Golf carts may park in handicap spaces if they display a handicap placard, because the placard is issued to the individual not the vehicle. County Ordinance makes it illegal to park motor vehicles and golf carts on or obstructing sidewalks. Cars may park on the side of the road so long as they are parked with the direction of travel and within 18 inches of the curb.

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The best policy is education and voluntary compliance; however, the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office can and does write traffic citations for those in violation of these and other Florida State Statutes. Most of these traffic laws are covered in the Sun City Center Golf Cart Handbook, which is reprinted with updates every year. The handbook is available at the Sun City Center Chamber of Commerce.



Upcoming Events



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

PROSTATE CANCER: What You Need to Know

Featuring Dr. Alex Engelman and presented by Tampa General Hospital in conjunction with The Men's Club. The program begins with a complimentary lunch at 1:30 p.m. at 2 p.m. with Dr. Engelman speaking at 2 p.m. The program will end by 3 p.m. Room 3, SCC Community Hall.

Advance reservations required. Visit www.tgh.org/healthed or call 813-660-6101.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

TAMPA BAY RAYS VS CLEVELAND INDIANS

Tickets are still available for the Men's Club's excursion to Tropicana Field on September 12 to watch the Rays take on the Indians. Game time is 1:10 p.m. but our bus transportation to the stadium will depart SCC Community Hall at 11:30 a.m. Details in the August edition of [The Chronicle](#). Press level tickets \$32.00

For more information or tickets call VP Jim Rottman at 634-8122.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

STROKE & DIABETES: Are You at Risk?

A Lunch and Learn event presented by Tampa General Hospital and hosted in partnership with The Men's Club, Sun Towers and the SCC Emergency Squad featuring Dr. Swetha Renati speaking about stroke and Clinical Nutrition Specialist Carol Quartana speaking about diabetes. The event will be in the SCC Community Hall and begins at 12:30 p.m. with registration and lunch. Dr. Renati will speak at 1 p.m. and Ms. Quartana's presentation begins at 2 p.m.

Advance reservations required. Visit www.tgh.org/healthed or call 813-660-6101.

To be repeated in King's Point Veteran's Theater on September 25.

ANNOUNCING A VERY SPECIAL EVENT

HELLO DOLLY!



**The Award Winning Broadway Revival starring
Betty Buckley**

Sunday, December 9 at 2 p.m.

Your Men's Club has 50 tickets to this great event and a bus to get us to the Straz Center on time. Tickets are \$120. Contact Jim Rottman or drop off a check at the Men's Club Office on Cherry Hills Drive to reserve a spot.

CONTACT JIM ROTTMAN AT 634-8122 OR BY EMAIL AT JROTTMAN@TAMPABAY.RR.COM



Artist's Rendering of Planned Veteran's Memorial at Community Hall

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