

The Chronicle



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The GAVEL

A report from your
President



Denny Gray, President

Welcome to our February edition of the Chronical. Regrettably, I decided to cancel the Sweethearts Ball. We did not have enough people registered to meet Banquet Masters minimum and the club would have lost over \$500.

We have two events coming up that need volunteers. The Public Safety Event we sponsor along with the Sheriff's office will be March 5 at the Community Hall from 8:30 to 12:30. We will be serving coffee and donuts. If you can help with the event please contact Bruce Fraser 813-419-4013. On March 9 is the Funfest. We will be doing our "Famous One Pound Pork Chops" and Chicken Sandwiches. We have raised the price to \$10 for the Pork Chop to cover increased prices and to give everyone who volunteers a free Pork Chop. Jim Rottman is once again in charge of this event. If you can work all or part of the day please call Jim 813-634-8122.

I have always been a big fan of Air Shows and seeing one from the Yacht Starship was incredible. The price for the bus, Air Show and buffet is \$120 per person. It is important to

note that if the Air Show is cancelled (weather, etc.) We will still be going on the Yacht Starship for a buffet and cruise. On March 1st any unsold spots will be open to non members, so don't wait to long to make your reservation.

I am reminding everyone that dues of \$20 are due. Please bring your check to the luncheon or the Mens Club Lifeline Office.

Thanks!

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Happy Valentine Day

Reminder—Do something special for that SPECIAL LADY in your life on Valentines!

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Our Last Luncheon!

Craig Latimer Supervisor of Elections in Hillsborough County

Supervisor Latimer shared important information on what everyone can do to ensure they are ready to vote in the upcoming Presidential Preference Primary in March, the Primary Election in August, and the General Election in November. He also described the measures in place to ensure

the integrity of the election and the accuracy of election results. Supervisor Latimer provided time for questions and answers and there were a lot!

Photo L to R: Denny Gray President, SCC Mens Club, Gerri Kramer, Chef Communications Officer, Craig Latimer, Supervisor of Elections in Hillsborough County, Bob Sullivan, Past President, SCC Mens Club.

Text and photo by Dan Meier



Day of our Meeting

- Doors Open: 10:45am
- Fellowship time: 11a-11:30a
- Speaker: 11:30a—Noon
- Lunch: Noon
- After eating: Business
- Goal: To be completed by 1pm

Next Luncheon: Feburary 21st!

Would you like to help out with the many activities we have going on... but you just don't know where you can be used...

**Send an email to:
info@sccmensclub.com**

Someone will get back to you!



FUNDRAISING FOR THE SCC MEN'S CLUB
Royal Caribbean Cruise *BRAND NEW*

Utopia of the Seas

3 Night Bahamas

September 6th – 9th, 2024



<i>Day</i>	<i>Port</i>	<i>Arrive</i>	<i>Depart</i>
1	Port Canaveral, Florida		4:00 PM
2	Nassau, Bahamas	9:00 AM	5:00 PM
3	Perfect Day At Cococay, Bahamas	7:00 AM	5:00 PM
4	Port Canaveral, Florida	6:30 AM	

Travelworld Pricing:		
Inside Cabin	Cat 4V	From \$538.27 per person
Oceanview Cabin	Cat 4N	From ... \$625.27 per person
Balcony Cabin	Cat 4D	From ... \$712.27 per person
<i>Other categories available upon request</i>		
All rates are subject to availability.		
Trip cancellation / medical insurance is HIGHLY recommended for this cruise!		

Deposit: \$100 per person
Final Due: June 13th, 2024

Contact Information:
Travelworld
Office: 813-634-3318

Jim Rottman of the SCC Men's Club: jrottman@tampabay.rr.com





The Mens Club Time Machine

This month... The 70s... Test your knowledge!

Answers on page 10



- 1) Who became the first woman to be UK Prime Minister in 1979?
- 2) Which scandal from 1972 to 1974 led to Nixon's resignation?
- 3) Which year did the Vietnam War end?
- 4) Which company did Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak create in 1976?
- 5) Which Nobel Prize did Amnesty International win in 1977?
- 6) Which country was Pope John Paul II from?
- 7) Which American serial killer confessed to 30 homicides committed between 1974 and 1978?
- 8) Which famous singer was nicknamed "King of Rock and Roll"?
- 9) What was Marion Robert Morrison known as?
- 10) In which movie was the Bee Gees' song "Stayin' Alive"?



The SCC History Society is actively capturing (on video) stories from people that heavily contributed to making our community what it is today. Currently three and soon to be a 4th are featured on their YouTube channel.

I didn't Know!

Mens Club Members

- 👍 Walter Cawein
- 👍 Paul Wheat
- 👍 Ed Barnes

Click Here:

<https://www.youtube.com/@suncitycenterhistorysociety/videos>



Membership Challenge...

February is going to be the Mens Club membership drive month. We are asking our current members to invite some of your friends and neighbors to that meeting. The meal for your guest will be free. Well, it's not free to the Mens Club but we are picking up the tab.



Our membership is strong at 319 as of this writing. But that is still behind where we were before Covid. Let's grow our club together! Let's get those reservations in for both you and your guests! On page 9 you can find all the instructions for making that reservation.

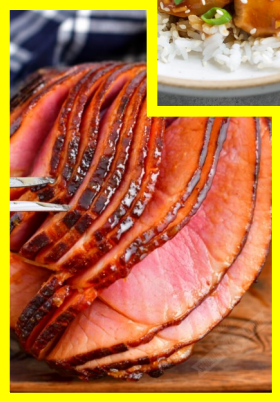
We ask you to do the best you can to follow up with your guests with reminders. If later, your guests can't make it, please cancel that reservation so that they are not buying that extra dinner. We want to be good stewards of the money we have.

Are YOU up to the Challenge?

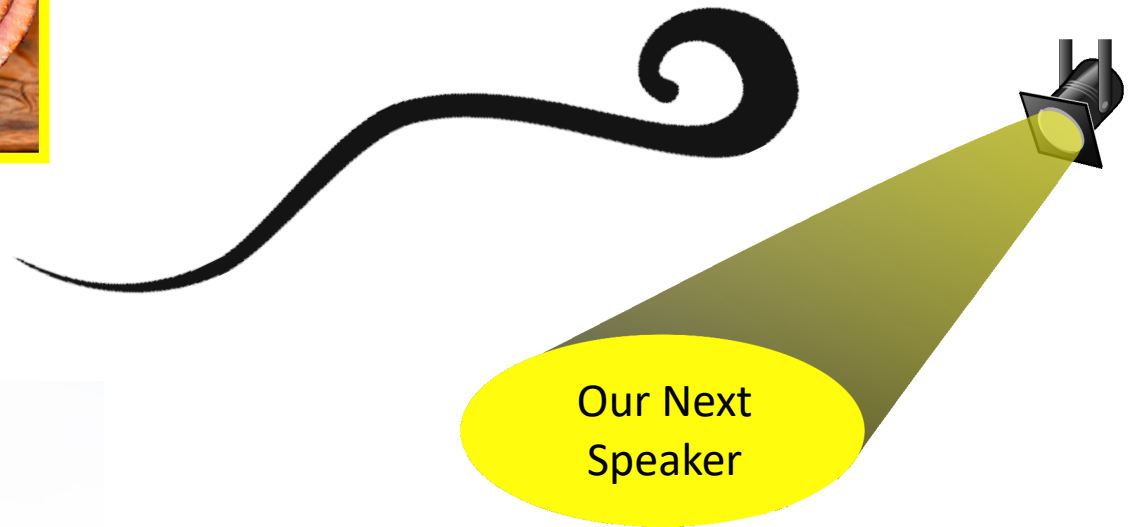


March	Malcom Edwards	Seaport Manatee's Deputy Director of Business
April	Cindy Stuart	Clerk of the Court—Speaking on White Collar Crime
May	Tina Miller	Little Manatee River State Park—History, Organization and future plans





- Sugar Glazed Ham
- Butter Crumb Cod
- Chicken Teriyaki
- Chefs Choice Vegetables
- Salad Bar
- Dinner roll
- Dessert Table
- Coffee, Soda, Tea



Joe Lopano—Chief Executive Officer of Tampa International Airport

Appointed 2011 as CEO, More than 40 years of experience in the Aviation Industry experienced in management and leadership. Appointed Man Of The Year by various organizations in consecutive years since 2015.

He should be very interesting!



Thunderbirds Air Show!



This is probably going to sell out fast so we are going to limit to MC members and their spouses only until March 1st. If tickets are still available Members can then invite nonmembers as well.

- ➔ **Saturday—March 30, 2024**
- ➔ **Bus departs Community Hall at 12:30pm**
- ➔ **Cost is \$120 / person**

The price includes the cruise, a fabulous luncheon buffet, and bus transportation to and from the cruise ship. Our bus departs the SCC Community Hall at 12:30 PM



- ➔ **We will be on Yacht Starship III—This will be our own private yacht!! At 92 feet in length the Mens Club will have its own Private Yacht! WOW!**
- ➔ **There will be a DJ on board.**
- ➔ **Cash bar.**
- ➔ **Dress is Resort casual.**
- ➔ **No flip flops.**
- ➔ **MacDill Base—Air Force Thunderbirds Air Show! (We are at the end of the runway! Best view in town)**
- ➔ **They almost fly right over our heads!**
- ➔ **You may want to consider taking sunscreen and of course a camera!**
- ➔ **Note — We are on the Saturday Cruise (which is more expensive)!**

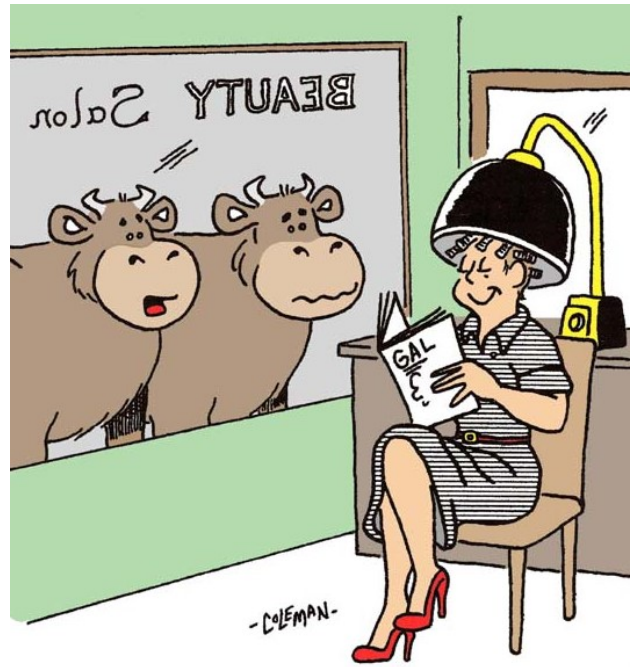
Drop off or Mail your check to the Mens Club office:

SCC Mens Club
1002 Cherry Hills Drive, Sun City Center FL 33573

Questions? jprottman@gmail.com



COMEDY CORNER



" I DUNNO...LOOKS LIKE SOME KIND OF MILKING MACHINE - BUT SHE'S WEARING IT ALL WRONG..."

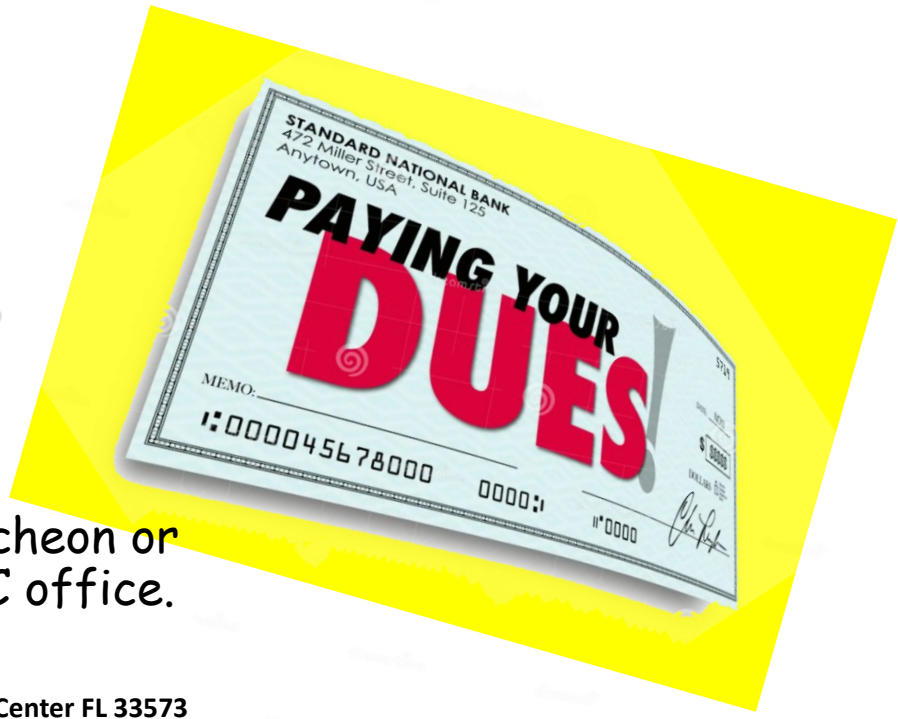




2024 Dues (\$20)

are now Due!

Thank You
to the 28%
that have
paid!



You can pay at our next luncheon or
mail your check into the MC office.

SCC Mens Club 1002 Cherry Hills Drive, Sun City Center FL 33573



Sweetheart Ball



**This event has
been cancelled!**

Dinner & Dance

The reservations were lagging behind what we had hoped for...

Then unexpected things started happening. We were receiving cancellations because of illness (Covid, flu, etc.). The Board takes this very seriously and we came to the conclusion if we went forward with the Ball we could be in the red approximately \$500.

Those who did sign up can either come by the Mens Club office to pick up your check or communicate with Jim Rottman (Text Preferred or call or email - 813-634-8122 jprottman@gmail.com) and he will be fine with tearing up your check.

Whatever you are comfortable with...



MAKE A RESERVATION

RESERVATIONS FOR OUR LUNCHEONS:

- ★ *Our February Luncheon is on the 21th.*
- ★ Doors open at 10:45am! Meeting conclusion approximately 1:00pm!
- ★ Deadline is 6 pm the Friday (2/16) before our luncheon. Register by either email or phone **YOU WILL RECEIVE A CONFIRMATION** by email or a phone call!
- ★ Email: reservations@sccmensclub.com or call 813-394-4677 and spell your last name and leave a contact phone number
- ★ If you are reserving a seat for a guest - spell the last name of the guest and indicate if they are eligible to be a guest of the Mens Club.
- ★ Eligible = Only a first time visitor can get the free lunch.
- ★ If you need to cancel for any reason — call or email one of the options listed above. If you are not sure if you booked then call and let us know so that we can do our best to accommodate everyone.



11 Mens Club Videos can be found plus the Newest—Cruise Video!

Mens Club YouTube Channel

[<Click Here>](#)



Time Machine

Answers:

- | | |
|----------------------|--------------------------|
| 1) Margaret Thatcher | 5) Nobel Peace Prize |
| 2) Watergate Scandal | 6) Poland |
| 3) 1975 | 7) Ted Bundy |
| 4) Apple | 8) Elvis Presley |
| | 9) John Wayne |
| | 10) Saturday Night Fever |



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FUNDRAISER FOR THE SCC MEN'S CLUB

CELEBRITY APEX

6 Night Western Caribbean Cruise

November 10th – 16th, 2024



Day	Port	Arrive	Depart
1	Fort Lauderdale, Florida		3:30 PM
2	Cruising		
3	George Town, Grand Cayman	8:00 AM	6:00 PM
4	Falmouth, Jamaica	7:00 AM	4:00 PM
5	Cruising		
6	Perfect Day Cococay, Bahamas	7:00 AM	5:00 PM
7	Fort Lauderdale, Florida		

Prime Oceanview	Cat O1	From... \$1426.51 per person
Prime Edge Cabin w/Infinite Veranda	Cat E1	From ... \$1687.51 per person
Prime Concierge Class	Cat C1	From ... \$1708.51 per person
Prime Aqua Class	Cat A1	From ... \$2586.51 per person
<i>Rates are Cruise, Port Fees & taxes</i>		
<i>Other categories available upon request</i>		
<i>Prices subject to change</i>		
Trip cancellation / medical insurance is HIGHLY recommended		
Bus transportation to/from cruise port is anticipated at additional cost MUST have at least 40 people for a bus		

Prices Include Perks:
**** Classic Drink Package**
**** WIFI**
**** Crew Gratuities**

Deposit: \$250 per person
 Final: August 6th, 2024

Contact - Travelworld
(813) 634-3318

Jim Rottman of the SCC Men's Club: jrottman@tampabay.rr.com





**Saturday, March 9th
and for the public the
event runs from 9am
until 2pm**

The 2024 Funfest IS a fun event as the Mens Club will again be setting up our tent and selling grilled one pound delicious pork chops and chicken sandwiches!

In addition to the food tents, the club will have tables inside the atrium to promote membership, Lifeline, and our Health programs.

We typically use about 30 people.

Volunteers are needed for set up at 7AM until 9AM both in grilling and for serving. We have two shifts for the grill and the tent 9 until 11:30 and 11:30 till 1:30pm.



You can volunteer at our February luncheon or by emailing **Jim Rottman at JProtzman@gmail.com** with a preferred time slot and whether you want to grill or serve.

Volunteers are also needed for cleanup and tear down starting at 1PM!



Barry Glassman is again heading up the grilling, along with some of our grill captains like Bob Jacobs and Joe DeFelice to name a few.



Fraud Seminar



March 5th from 9:00 to noon at Community Hall.

We will have two speakers plus Master Deputy Jeff Merry will talk about some fraud activities that he has responded to in SCC.

This is our 4th annual seminar!

If you can help with the event please contact **Bruce Fraser** 813-419-4013 or dbruce.fraser@gmail.com.



We will need some volunteers to help with registration and helping to serve coffee, juice, donuts and brownies from Sun Towers.



How to contact your Officers

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