

# The Chronicle



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## The GAVEL

A report from your  
President



Denny Gray, President

I want to thank everyone that came to our February luncheon. Joe Lapano CEO of the Tampa Airport gave us an insightful talk on the gains made at the airport under his tenure. Thanks to Ed Barnes VP Program for his work on lining up speakers.

March is a busy month for the Men's Club. March 5 from 9am to 12:00 we are co hosting a Fraud Seminar. We are supplying coffee and donuts to all guests.

The speakers are Deputy Jeff Merry presenting Why Seniors are targeted. Bob Busch from AARP will talk about Romance and Lottery scams. Katie Schultz from the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay will discuss Charity scams.

March 9 is Fun Fest. Under Jim Rottman's direction we will again be selling 1 pound pork chops and chicken sandwiches. Please come by and help us on this fund raising event by buying lunch. We will have three tables at the event. They are Membership, Lifeline, and Health.

Anyone who volunteers for either event will receive a Men's Club ball cap. Please make your reservation for the March 20 luncheon. Checks are preferred. **We will also be collecting any unpaid dues.**

Thanks!

Denny Gray,  
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Community Mens Club  
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**Happy**  
**St. Patrick's Day**

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## **Our Last Luncheon!**

### **Joe Lopano, Chief Executive Officer of Tampa International Airport**

Joe Lopano, Chief Executive Officer of Tampa International Airport, was guest speaker at the February membership luncheon meeting of the Sun City Center Mens Club. Mr. Lopano spoke of his history in the airline industry and more specifically his time as CEO of TPA. Appointed as CEO

in 2011, Mr. Lopano traced the growth of TPA during his tenure and the projected growth in the future years.

The SCC Mens Club does many things for the Sun City Center community such as Lifeline Services, Meals on Wheels, health support groups, seminars on health and security, donations to support organizations and is open to residents of Sun City Center and Kings Point. For more info about becoming a member please call Bruce Fraser, VP of Membership, at 813-419-4013

Pictured L to R: Ed Barnes, VP Programs, SCC Mens Club, Joe Lopano, CEO of Tampa International Airport

**Text and photo by Jay Sparkman**



### **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:**

# **March 20th!**

**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](mailto: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 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024**



Day	Port	Arrive	Depart
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>		
<b>All rates are subject to availability.</b>		
<b>Trip cancellation / medical insurance is HIGHLY recommended for this cruise!</b>		

Deposit: \$100 per person  
 Final Due: June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Contact Information:**  
**Travelworld**  
**Office: 813-634-3318**

Jim Rottman of the SCC Men's Club: [jrottman@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:jrottman@tampabay.rr.com)







# The Mens Club Time Machine

This month... The 80s... Test your knowledge!

Answers on page 9

- 1) Which nuclear power plant in Ukraine exploded in 1986?
- 2) What does HIV stand for?
- 3) Which famous Jamaican singer died in 1981?
- 4) Who was the Pope during the 80s?
- 5) Who was the US president from 1981 to 1989?
- 6) Which company did Steve Jobs get fired from in 1985?
- 7) Who was the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom in the 80s?
- 8) Who sang "Girls just want to have fun"?
- 9) Which dance did Michael Jackson first perform in 1983?
- 10) An outbreak of which disease was identify in the UK in the 80s?
- 11) What does 'CD' stand for?
- 12) Which disease did the World Health Organization officially



# Future



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
June	Denise Chamberlain	How Pennsylvania responded on 9/11 when the first planes





- Corned Beef and Cabbage
- Onion Stuffed Salmon
- Stuffed Shells
- Chefs Choice Vegetables
- Salad Bar
- Dinner roll
- Dessert Table
- Coffee, Soda, Tea



**Our Next Speaker**

Located at the entrance to Tampa Bay, SeaPort Manatee is a dynamic global trade hub, serving as the vibrant ships-to-shelves gateway for Southwest and Central Florida. As one of Manatee County's most significant economic engines, SeaPort Manatee supports more than 37,000 direct and indirect jobs while generating \$5.1 billion in economic impact annually. During his presentation, Seaport Manatee's Deputy Director of Business Development, Malcolm Edwards, will discuss SeaPort Manatee's critical role in the global supply chain, explain its operations, and showcase its importance for the region.



**Malcom Edwards**  
Deputy Director  
of Business  
Development  
Port of Manatee

**He should be very interesting!**





Thunderbirds Air Show!



YACHT StarShip DINING CRUISES

→ Saturday—March 30, 2024  
→ Bus departs

→ We will be on Yacht Starship III— This will be our own private yacht!! At 92 feet in length will the Mens Club have its own Private Yacht! WOW!

Sold Out!



→ 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)

Would like to be added to a waiting list?  
Contact:  
jprottman@gmail.com

Introducing - two new Mens Club promotional banners. One is all about the Mens Club and can be used at a membership table during various events. The second one is all about our flagship service we provide - Lifeline.

Jokingly, you never know where they may show up so keep an eye out for them!



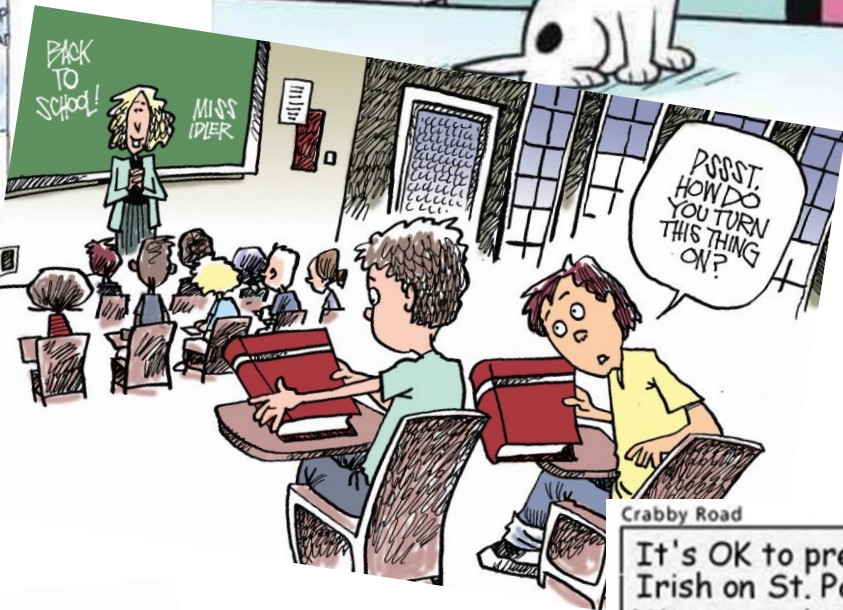




# COMEDY CORNER



"You're fired, Jack. The lab resu just came back, and you teste positive for Coke."



Crabby Road

Crabby Road

It's OK to pretend we're Irish on St. Patrick's Day. We pretend we're GOOD on Christmas don't we?



"Okay, the motorized rocking chair could use an emergency 'off' switch."



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**2024 Dues (\$20)**

**are now Due!**

**Thank You  
to the 43%  
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



Our Mens Club has a new hat available for purchase. The cost is \$20 and can be found at our regular monthly meetings just after you enter the main hall. They will be on a table to your right typically.

The board has decided that for certain events the volunteer workers will receive a hat for free. It's our way of saying thank you for your help!

There are two events in this month's Chronicle where the hats are going to be given to the volunteers. Can you find those two events?





**MAKE A RESERVATION**

**RESERVATIONS FOR OUR LUNCHEONS:**

- ★ Our March Luncheon is on the 20th.
- ★ Doors open at 10:45am! Meeting conclusion approximately 1:00pm!
- ★ Deadline is 6 pm the Friday (3/15) before our luncheon. Register by either email or phone **YOU WILL RECEIVE A CONFIRMATION** by email or a phone call!
- ★ Email: [reservations@sccmensclub.com](mailto: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.



- Time Machine**
- Answers:**
- |                                 |                      |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1) Chernobyl                    | 6) Apple             |
| 2) Human Immunodeficiency Virus | 7) Margaret Thatcher |
| 3) Bob Marley                   | 8) Cyndi Lauper      |
| 4) Pope Saint John Paul II      | 9) The Moonwalk      |
| 5) Ronald Reagan                | 10) Mad Cow Disease  |
|                                 | 11) Compact Disk     |
|                                 | 12) Smallpox         |



# Celebrity X Cruises®

**Designed for you<sup>SM</sup>**

## **FUNDRAISER FOR THE SCC MEN'S CLUB**

### **CELEBRITY APEX**

**6 Night Western Caribbean Cruise**

**November 10<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>, 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 &amp; taxes</i>		
<i>Other categories available upon request</i>		
<i>Prices subject to change</i>		
Trip cancellation / medical insurance is <b>HIGHLY</b> recommended		
Bus transportation to/from cruise port is anticipated at additional cost <b>MUST</b> have at least 40 people for a bus		

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

Deposit: \$250 per person  
 Final: August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Contact - Travelworld**  
**(813) 634-3318**

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# LUNCH N LEARN

FEATURING  
HCA FLORIDA SOUTH  
SHORE HOSPITAL

Guest Speaker



**DR. WILLIAM SHIELD**

ORTHOPAEDIC SURGEON

Speaking on:  
Hip, knee and total joint replacement. What you can expect before, during and after a procedure. How to keep moving in 2024.



Monday, March 11  
1:30pm  
Sun City Center  
Community Hall  
Lunch Provided!  
Spots Limited  
RSVP Today!



**R.S.V.P**

888.685.1595



RSVP to the Hospital

Macy.Boyd@HCAHealthcare.com



Recently, the new Low Vision Machine was installed at the SCC Library to benefit those with low vision or no vision. This system will enhance low vision impaired individuals to listen to what they are reading or 500 times magnified for viewing, either way. There is physical training at SCC Library on Tuesdays & Thursdays. Call to schedule an appointment. **813-634-1315**



**Friday 4pm initial set up** Rottman, Kruger, Lehr, Sullivan, Potchak

**Saturday, March 9th**

**Tent Servers**

7 til 9 Set up Sullivan, Baker, Maguire, Matusak, Kruger, Lehr, Rottman

9 til 11:30 Sullivan, Feeman, Huss, Guziasky,

11:30 til 2 Sullivan, Luper, Conley, Roark

*Thank You to all the  
Volunteers! All  
positions have been  
filled!*

*If you work this event  
you get a free MC hat!*

**Drinks/Ice**

9 til 2 Baker, Maguire, Potchak

**Treasurer**

9 til 2 Bart, Gray

**Grilling**

7 til 1 Glassman, DeFelice, Jacobs, Ciro, Hueser, Ciro. Laprade

**Cleanup**

1pm til done Glassman, DeFelice, Kruger, Feeman, Potchak, Sullivan, Baker



**FunFest, Saturday, March 9th**

Below is the work schedule for volunteers for the event. Pls call or text Jim Rottman at 813 205 6949 if problem.

Volunteers ...please wear your Men's Club shirt or t shirt or hat. Those volunteers without a hat will be given one to wear to promote the club during the event.

Those members donating coolers( need 4 more)full propane tank(need 3 more) should bring them to the Lifeline/Mens Club office at 1002 Cherry Hill Drive on March 6 or 7. Pls put your name on the item and plan to pick up Monday or Tuesday after the event





# Fraud Seminar



**March 5th—Tuesday  
9:00 to noon  
Community Hall**

We will have two speakers—Bob Busch, AARP talking about, "Romance and Lottery Scams" and Katie Schultz, Community Foundation Tampa Bay talking about "Charity Scams" plus Master Deputy Jeff Merry will talk about some fraud activities that he has responded to in SCC.

**If you work this event  
you get a free MC hat!**

If you can help with the event please contact **Bruce Fraser** 813-419-4013 or [dbruce.fraser@gmail.com](mailto:dbruce.fraser@gmail.com).



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



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