



# The Chronicle

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## The GAVEL

A report from your  
President



By David Floyd

Our continued social distancing and wearing of masks are still especially important as the Corona virus is still in our area and in Sun City Center. One of the biggest issues with the pandemic for our older population is loneliness. Our opportunities for social interaction are much reduced. I encourage you to wave and say hello to those you see. It will lessen the impact of being alone.

Our November meeting speaker, Mr. Antony Garcia, gave an interesting talk on preventing fraud and scams. With his permission, we are including some of his presentation information in this newsletter.

Please note there will be **no formal luncheon in December, but the club is planning a December ZOOM Meeting for our members.** Our ZOOM Meeting in December will feature Mr. Doug Driggers, Regional Manager External Affairs, Tampa Electric Company (TECO). He will be speaking about **alternative energy sources.** It should be an interesting talk. This ZOOM Membership Meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 16th. At the November Annual Membership Meeting the election was held for the Men's Club Board for 2021.

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Doug Driggers

Doug is a multi-generational native of Florida, Hillsborough County, and Plant City specifically. He began his career with Tampa Electric nearly 35 years ago as a meter reader. The past fifteen years Doug has worked in area of Community and Government Relations and Economic Development. He has had the pleasure of serving on the Planning Board in his hometown of Plant City, several area chamber of commerce boards, an economic development corporation board and is winding down his term as President of TEPAC Federal this year.

Personally, Doug has 2 grown sons and a 2-year-old grandson. His hobbies include being a grandpa, enjoying cigars, grilling, golf, clay shooting, and motorcycle riding. Doug graduated from Plant City High School and has a master's degree in Business Administration from St. Leo University.





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**The candidates and the positions they were elected for:**

- President – Bruce Fraser
- President-elect – Vincente Lopez
- Past President – David Floyd
- Secretary – Bill Cox
- Treasurer – Denny Gray
- Steward – Bob Jacobs
- Reservations Manager – Mike Albanese

- VP Lifeline – Harvey Berman
- VP Men’s Health – Samuel Badger
- VP Membership – Jon Lehr
- VP Programs – Ed Barnes
- VP Special Programs – Jim Rottman
- VP District Operations – Gary Nichols
- VP Communications – Don Murphy

Norm James has volunteered to assist Don Murphy as Communications Assistant. Larry Smith has volunteered to help with our virtual ZOOM Meetings. Bob Sanchez has agreed to help by maintaining the Club website. A special thank you to all who have volunteered.

I am sad to report that Art Smith who served on many positions on the Men’s Club Board has resigned as he is leaving Sun City Center. He has been a big supporter and mainstay in our club for many years. We will miss him, and we wish him well.

I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving despite the Covid-19. I had a noticeably quiet holiday, and I am sure many of you did also.

When we reopen, we will need volunteers to help with the luncheons and other special events. Please consider volunteering to help the Men’s Club. Our Lifeline will most likely need some more VIPs to help with the servicing of the clients which was reduced during the extended quarantine.

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And in closing, it has been my pleasure to serve as your president the past 24-months. It was an incredible experience. I met so many great members over the past 2-years and had an opportunity to experience new venues. I would like to thank all the Board members for their assistance.

Your new president will be Bruce Fraser. I wish him much success as our new president. He will be busy as our club reopens after the Pandemic subsides. In the mean-while be well and be safe. Enjoy the upcoming Holidays.

David Floyd – President

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**King’s Point Pool Project Benefits From Sun City Center Men’s Club Donation**



Pictured L to R Jack Davidson, President K.P. Federation and Bruce Fraser, President-elect and Jim Rottman, VP Special Projects, both SCC MC

A new chair lift will soon be installed at the King’s Point outdoor pool thanks to the donation of \$5,000 from the Sun City Center Men’s Club. Earlier, the SCC Men’s Club had donated for the installation of a chair lift for an indoor pool at Kings Point.

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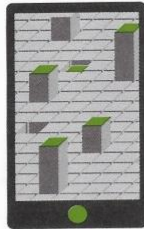
## Florida Consumer Information: Preventing Fraud

### 1 Spot imposters.

Scammers often pretend to be someone you trust, like a government official, a family member, a charity, or a company you do business with. Don't send money or give out personal information in response to an unexpected request – whether it comes as a text, a phone call or an email.

### 2 Do online searches.

Type a company or product name into your favorite search engine with words like "review," "complaint" or "scam." Or search for a phrase that describes your situation, like "IRS call." You can even search for phone numbers to see if other people have reported them as scams.



### 3 Don't believe your caller ID.

Technology makes it easy for scammers to fake caller ID information, so the name and number you see aren't always real. If someone calls asking for money or personal information, hang up. If you think the caller might be telling the truth, call back to a number you know is genuine.

### 4 Don't pay upfront for a promise.

Someone might ask you to pay in advance for things like debt relief, credit and loan offers, mortgage assistance, or a job. They might even say you've won a prize, but first you have to pay taxes or fees. If you do, they will probably take the money and disappear. Learn where to get real help with these issues at [consumer.ftc.gov](http://consumer.ftc.gov).



### 5 Consider how you pay.

Credit cards have significant fraud protection built in, but some payment methods don't. Wiring money through services like Western Union or MoneyGram is risky because it's nearly impossible to get your money back. That's also true for reloadable cards (like MoneyPak or Reloadit) and gift cards (like iTunes or Google Play). Government offices and honest companies won't require you to use these payment methods.

### 6 Talk to someone.

Before you give up your money or personal information, talk to someone you trust. Con artists want you to make decisions in a hurry. They might even threaten you. Slow down, check out the story, do an online search, consult an expert — or just tell a friend.

### 7 Hang up on robocalls.

If you answer the phone and hear a recorded sales pitch, hang up and report it to the FTC. These calls are illegal, and often the products are bogus. Don't press 1 to speak to a person or to be taken off the list. That could lead to more calls.

### 8 Be skeptical about free trial offer:

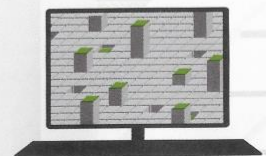
Some companies use free trials to sign you up for products and bill you every month until you cancel. Before you agree to a free trial, research the company and read the cancellation policy. And always review your monthly statements for charges you don't recognize.

### 9 Don't deposit a check and wire money back.

By law, banks must make funds from deposited checks available within days, but uncovering a fake check can take weeks. If a check you deposit turns out to be a fake, you're responsible for repaying the bank.

### 10 Sign up for free scam alerts from the FTC at [ftc.gov/scam](http://ftc.gov/scam)

Get the latest tips and advice about scams sent right to your inbox.



## Help Wanted

Volunteers needed for **Lifeline!** It is a great way to meet your neighbors and members of the community and provide a valuable service.

**Call 633-7091 and signup!**



## Florida Consumer Information

(referred to in David Floyd's column)

### Visit [FloridaConsumerHelp.com](http://FloridaConsumerHelp.com) for more information.



The A to Z Resource Guide is an online directory to help Floridians find the most appropriate government agency to contact for various issues.



The Business/Complaint Lookup is an online resource that allows consumers to view businesses' registration and complaint information.



Check-A-Charity is an online searchable database that provides consumers with registration and financial information for charities that solicit contributions.



File a Complaint online or request to have a complaint form mailed to you by calling the Consumer Assistance Center.



The Florida Consumer E-Newsletter offers tips on important consumer-related issues and resources to find additional information.



Join the Florida Do Not Call List or report unwanted sales calls.



Request a Speaker, at no cost, for your community or club meeting.

Call the Consumer Assistance Center from 8am to 5pm, EST, Monday through Friday, at 1-800-HELP-FLA (435-7352) or 1-800-FL-AYUDA (352-9832) en Español for more information.

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In making the presentation, Jim Rottman, Vice President of Special Projects, cited the Men's Club basic premise which is to provide and promote charitable community service, cultural, social, and civic interest.

The President-elect of the Men's Club, Bruce Fraser, said, "The Men's Club is very pleased to have the opportunity to assist in projects that seek to improve services for folks in Kings Point and Sun City Center who are constrained by physical limitations. The chair lift project is an example of that assistance. Another is assisting in the cost of a hearing loop system in the Kings Point Veterans Theatre.

Fraser noted that through the years the Men's Club has taken on several, and varied projects for the benefit of the Sun City Center community. Some of the projects include the initiation of the Lifeline Program, the installation of electric doors to ease access to community buildings, the installation of hearing aid devices in several public meeting rooms, and the installation of automatic defibrillator units around the Community Association campus.

More information about the history of the Men's Club, and club membership is available at the club's website:

[www.sccmensclub.com](http://www.sccmensclub.com)



Norman James, SCC MC was the winner of the first \$25.00 gift certificate for Publix for tuning into the November Zoom monthly meeting.



**Attention Spectrum Subscribers:**

**If your email domain is:**

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You do not know what you are missing! Half of the email from your Men’s Club is not getting through directly. You do not see what you do not receive! We are using alternative methods to try and keep you in the loop. However, we urge you to consider adopting a new free email address for Men’s Club matters, such as yahoo.com or gmail.com. If you change, be sure to let us know at:

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