

# The Chronicle



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## Board Reviews Changes to Meeting Format

“The traditional buffet is a thing of the past,” said Men’s Club President David Floyd recently after learning that several national buffet chain restaurants had announced their permanent closing. According to a well known national restaurant columnist, a potentially lethal combination of “consumer skittishness” and the federal health guidelines could “well change the buffet concept as we know it, forcing a different service style or eliminating buffets altogether.”

Recognizing the changing environment, the Board of Directors of the Men’s Club is exploring making changes



Members enjoy the buffet at a recent meeting.

### The GAVEL

A report from your President  
David Floyd



The last few months have been very challenging for everyone. I am very happy that our members and our community have taken the “stay at request” seriously. This has significantly reduced risk and minimized both the spread of COVID-19 and deaths in Sun City Center. Social distancing and wearing of masks are still very important as the virus is still spreading in our area.

Because of the uncertainty that the Community Association’s Community Hall will be open in June, the June luncheon is cancelled. The Men’s Club Board of Directors is discussing how to restart our membership meetings and luncheons. Going forward with a buffet service may not be feasible. We are looking at several options: a plated served meal, a served line cafeteria-style buffet, box lunches, or perhaps no lunch served as

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to the format of the club’s regular, monthly meetings as well as the thrice-yearly ladies’ events held by the club. No final decisions have been made but the board has concluded that changes will have to be made in order to meet necessary safety and health considerations.

One option being considered is for a plated lunch served by the catering staff. Members would be able to choose one of two entrees; the meal would include salad, two vegetables and dessert as well as beverages. At present, it appears the cost would be \$20.00 per member.

A second option would include a box lunch prepared by the caterer and containing a sandwich, chips and a dessert such as a cookie or snack bar. The cost of this option would probably be \$12.00 per member.

The third option would be a cafeteria-style buffet where servers dish out the food to members and guests. The estimated cost of the cafeteria option would be \$16.00 per member.

The board has also discussed whether to proceed with

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Asks Where  
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we restart our meetings. The Board seeks and welcomes the membership’s input on this. Please email me to give your opinion and thoughts.

*Please note there will be no luncheon in JUNE.*

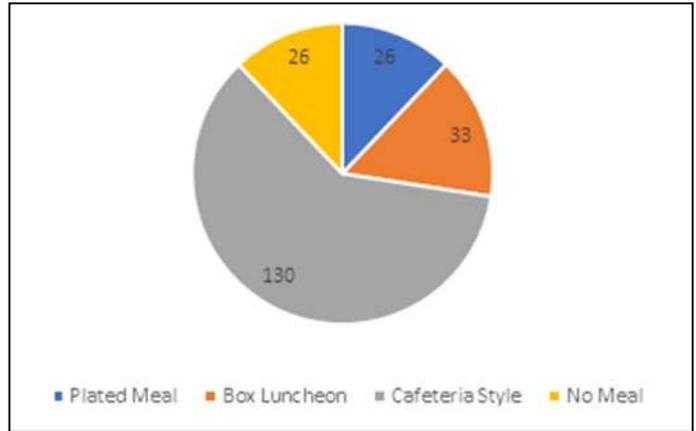
The Men’s Club Board hopes to have the club up and running on July 1<sup>st</sup>. We would like at that time to begin rescheduling events and activities for our membership and return to a semblance of normalcy. Our goal is a safe environment for our members when we restart our activities. We will keep you advised of the progress on this endeavor.

When we open, 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.

The Board set-up a nominating committee for 2021 officers. The committee is chaired by Bruce Fraser. Members on the committee are Joe DeFelice, Larry Smith, and Dave Floyd. If you would like serve as a Board member, please contact one of these individuals. Their contact information is listed in the Chronicle.

In the mean-while be well and be safe.

**Member Survey Results**



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speakers but to serve no lunch. There would likely be no cost to attend such a meeting. The club would continue to seek out interesting, high quality speakers and entertainers for such meetings.

A survey of members conducted in May showed a distinct preference for a meal served cafeteria style. The board will evaluate the survey results at its next meeting. The board will also be awaiting further guidance from the SCC Community Association on permissible use of its facilities and from the state health authorities on best practices for conducting large meetings.

**Deputy Jeff Merry Says:**

***Beware of Scammers Knocking at Your Door***

If someone knocking on your door or calling your phone number offers at-home COVID-19 testing, shut the door or hang up. It’s a SCAM designed to steal your identity or commit Medicare fraud.

We’ve had a couple of door-to-door solicitors reported and phones are ringing all over Sun City Center, preying on frightened residents during this time of crisis,” said Community Resource Deputy Jeff Merry, of the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office. “Scammers are

offering fake in-home tests and asking for people’s social security number, Medicare ID number and other personal information.

“There is no such thing as a home test right now,” he said.

Understandably, people are shaken right now and often ready to latch onto anything that makes them feel safe, and that’s exactly what the criminal wants to take advantage of.

As always, Merry advises residents not to answer the door unless they know the person calling on them and

to avoid answering calls from numbers they’re unaware of.



If you need to report this type of solicitation or have any questions, call the HCSO District 4 Command office at 813-247-0455 or email [jmerry@hcsotampa.fl.us](mailto:jmerry@hcsotampa.fl.us).

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## Volunteers Needed for July Meal Deliveries in Community

One of the important public services in this community is the delivery of hot meals to shut-ins and other community residents through the Meals-On-Wheels program. In July it is The Men's Club turn to step up and make deliveries.

Denny Gray, our club treasurer and leader of the club's Meals-on-Wheels effort, has put out a call for volunteers to act as deliverymen during July. There is need for both regular drivers (who take an assigned schedule) and for back-up drivers (who step in when the regular driver is unable to make his run.. The time commitments are minimal and the reward is immense both in helping the needing and feeling the satisfaction of being part of the community's helpline.



**Denny Gray**

Because of the virus pandemic, some changes have been made to the system. Now drivers pick up meals outside South Bay hospital, thus limiting interpersonal contact. Meals are delivered to a cooler outside the recipient's home; thus, again, there is limited persona contact. The goal is to keep both drivers and recipients as safe as possible.

If you can volunteer or if you want to learn more, contact Denny Gray at 813-633-4294

The MOW program has been in effect in Sun City Center since 1973. Anyone residing in the community can sign up for meals by contacting Samaritan Services at 813-634-9283. A meal costs only \$6.00.

## Jim Rottman's



## CRYSTAL BALL

While no one can precisely predict the future, Jim Rottman, our club's Vice President for Special Projects, has been looking into his crystal ball and is able to make some predictions about some outings that may be scheduled for the this summer or fall for members and their guests.

### WHO'S READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL?

Jim has been in touch with the Buccaneers and is working to confirm an outing to the team's home games on October 18 with the Green Bay Packers.. Jim expect to nail this down after the team releases its group ticket packages.

### TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLPARK.

We can't say it is a certainty, but if the baseball season does actually take off, the club will follow through with plans to take in one or two games, focusing on the Yankees and Red Sox. Of course details on seating and sanitation are yet to be worked out.

### BY THE SEA, THE BEAUTIFUL SEA

Sadly, our Air Show cruise aboard the Yacht Starship was cancelled. However, the cruise line is holding a credit for us which we MAY be able to sue for a future holiday cruise around the bay.

We will of course be looking at necessary safety requirements associated with any of our outings, consistent with the appropriate guidance from federal, state and local health authorities for any outings that may be scheduled. If you have any questions about future outings or suggestions of trips and events for the club to consider, give Jim Rottman a call at 813-633-8122 or [Jrottman@tampbay.rr.com](mailto:Jrottman@tampbay.rr.com).



# “Where is the Next Generation of Leaders?” asks Bruce Fraser



## Club’s President-Elect Looks Ahead as Veteran Board Members Age

By Bruce Fraser

I am looking forward to being your President next year. At our last board meeting I expressed my concerns about the lack of interest from our just under 400 members to volunteer to help in running our club. As we hold our projects we always get volunteers to help run them efficiently but we have 14 members who are serving on our Board of Directors. These individuals have served collectively a total of more than 60 years to make sure that all of our luncheons go smoothly; that our services are run efficiently; and that our finances are managed in a manner that allow us to serve our community the way that we need to. Our club has the second longest tenure in Sun City Center- 58 years.

We need more volunteers to step up to help, either by agreeing to serve on the Board or to help assist those Board members to run our most important jobs like Lifeline, Health Programs, Membership, Special Projects, Communications, Programs,

“We need more volunteers to help...”

District Operations, reservations, and our Treasurer and Secretary. The individuals in these positions have been asked to stay for another year by me, but I don't know if all of them are willing to serve another year or not. Some of them have had those positions for several years. If they do continue on it is time to try to get them at least one person to assist them and learn the ropes to perhaps eventually take over.

I have been asked to chair the Nominating Committee, so I will be soon learning how many positions that we have open for 2021. During this process I have asked everyone on the Board to reach out to our members to consider stepping up to at least learn about our jobs and hopefully be willing to help our club run as efficiently as it has for another 50 plus years.

If you are interested in helping please contact me at [dbruce.fraser@gmail.com](mailto:dbruce.fraser@gmail.com).

### ANNOUNCING NEW WAYS TO MAKE LUNCH RESERVATIONS

The Men’s Club board has revised the steps to be taken to make a reservation for our regular monthly meetings. According to Mike Albanese, newly-appointed Reservation Manager, there is a new phone number to be used and an easier email address. When regular meetings resume, to make a reservation:



Mike Albanese

1. Call our NEW reservation phone number **813-394-4677** and leave a message for Mike.
2. Send a text message to **813-394-4677** being sure to include your name in the message.
3. Send an email to [reservations@sccmensclub.com](mailto:reservations@sccmensclub.com).

Note that our old phone number and gmail email address are no longer valid for reservations.

## Email Delivery Problems Persist for Some Spectrum Subscribers

Some members using tampabay.rr.com as their email domain are missing some Men’s Club emails, including distribution of The Chronicle. Comcast, which runs that domain, is not allowing delivery of messages from our email provider, EmailDoDo.com. The problem is not unique to our club.

To be sure you receive regular club communications, we urge members to adopt a different email address for club email, such as gmail.com or yahoo.com. Let us know if you change your email address.



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MY CAPTAIN!

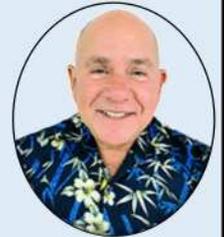
We have 38 districts for the Men's Club in Sun City Center and Kings Point. At this time we have 9 districts that do not have a volunteer Captain.

(1,7A,7B,10,11,17,20B,24B and 26)

The captain of a district is a Men's Club greeter to new residents. Welcoming a recent male resident to our community and a chance to brag about all we have to offer is a personally rewarding way to let others know all the Men's Club does in and for the community.

Please contact me if you are interested in becoming more involved with our club. This is one of the ways to easily pay forward for what we enjoy here.

Larry Smith, VP District Operations



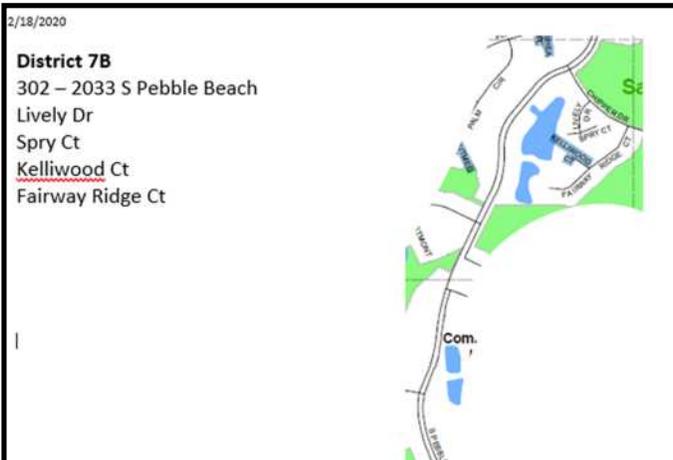
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District #1

1801-2030 New Bedford Dr

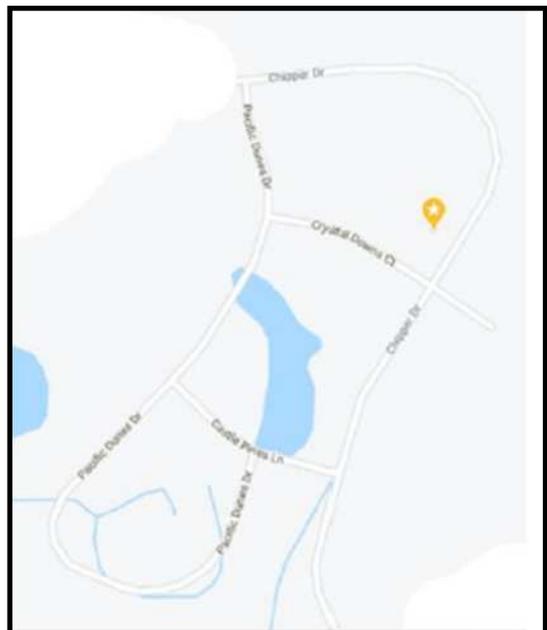
Berry Roberts Dr

Deep Lake Lane



DISTRICT 7B

District 7B  
302 – 2033 S Pebble Beach  
Lively Dr  
Spry Ct  
Kelliwood Ct  
Fairway Ridge Ct



DISTRICT 7A (Verona)



02/20/2020

District #10

- Amesbury Cir
- Austin Hill Ct
- Alanhurst Way
- Stoneham Dr
- Barstow Ct
- Brockfield Dr
- Brookfield Greens Cir
- Cranston Pl
- Grayson Ct
- Kensington Greens Dr
- Kenley Way
- Kirby Way
- Lambdeth Ct
- Sedgewich Ct
- Smithfield Ln
- Stonehouse Ct
- Thorn Hill Pl
- Wimbley Place



**DISTRICT 10**

2/20/2020

District #11

- 801-1124 El Rancho Dr
- 101 Rickenbacker Dr
- 902-1108 East Del Webb Blvd
- El Turco Ct, Wintersong Ln,
- Yellowbird Pl, Bluewater Dr,
- Whitetail Ct, Cactus Flower Ln,
- Silverbell Ct, Strawpocket Pl,
- Sola Ln, Sun Key Ct,
- Meadowvista Ln, Wild Feather Ln,
- Hickory Stick Ct, Strongbow Ct



**DISTRICT 11**



Stroll Ln  
Linger Ln  
Bryce Ct  
301-504 La Jolla  
1602-1613 El Ranch  
1601-1623 East Del Webb Blvd

**DISTRICT 17**

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District #20B

**Aston Gardens**  
Aston Gardens Ct  
Emerald Lake Drive

**DISTRICT 20B**



3/1/2020  
District 24B

Kings Point  
Inside Kings Blvd circle

**DISTRICT 24B**

**DISTRICT 26: FREEDOM PLAZA**

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MY CAPTAIN!

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