

The Chronicle

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The GAVEL

A report from your
President



Bob Sullivan, President

I want to thank everyone that came to the March Luncheon. We had another great meal, and the Corned Beef and Cabbage were just right for the St. Patrick's Holiday. Our speaker Neal Co-sentino gave us interesting possibilities for the Howard Frankland Bridge.

We Supported the community recently with the combined efforts of the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Dept. and the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay, presenting a workshop on Fraud and Scams that was well attended and provided good information for all. The Fun

Fest was also well-attended, and our club had four tables at the event (Health, Lifeline, Men's Club membership, and the food table). We did very well, running out of chicken and pork just before the close of the event.

Our Club made donations to the Security Patrol for Radios (\$1000) and (\$772) to the Audubon Club for Signage (helping people on the trail to find their way). Stop by and enjoy the trails and wildlife, and nature.

Hope to see everyone at the April Luncheon, and let's bring a future member as a guest. See you at the luncheon.

Sincerely,

Bob Sullivan,
President of the Sun City
Community Men's Club
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Checkout
OUR
NEW
Channel!



Photo L to R - Ed Barnes, SCC Men's Club, Neil Cosentino, Guest Speaker, Bob Sullivan, President, SCC Men's Club

Neil Consentino, a leading member of Camelot 1 Florida, a group organized in an effort to repurpose the current Howard Frankland Bridge upon completion of the new bridge span in 2025, was the guest speaker at the March membership meeting of the Sun City Center Men's Club. Mr. Consentino is an advocate of repurposing the bridge rather than demolishing the span at a cost of \$35 million dollars as the State of Florida plans. A solar panel canopy, walking paths, running trails, fishing areas, and other recreational ideas are some of the uses visualized for a repurposed span. The Sun City Center Men's Club is open to residents of Sun City Center and Kings Point. For more Information call Bruce Fraser VP of Membership at 813-419-4013.

Text and photo by Jay Sparkman

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Our Website!



We are up to 64 passengers on our cruise last count. A Bus will be available to go to Port Canaveral at extra charge to be provided later. Prices are going up so reserve soon!

Contact: *Hilda Simmons*

Travelworld—813-634-3318

Deposit Due: \$250 PP

Final Due: August 2023

**November
12th—19th, 2023**

**7 Night Western Caribbean
Aboard the Wonder
Of The Seas**

Our numbers of attendees has increased at luncheons over the last 6 months !!

New Members are growing as well!



Did you know that the Men's Club puts on a special time each month that we call "Options for Health Choices"? In case you haven't heard the where and when: they are typically scheduled the second Tuesday of each month (any change from that time should be noted in the Chronicle). They are held at 1:30 PM in the Community Hall Room 3.

These are organized by our VP of Healthcare - Vicente Lopez, Jr.

We plan to have a future article about this very important offering in a near future

Chronicle... So keep your eyes peeled!



How to make a Video of the Grandkids!

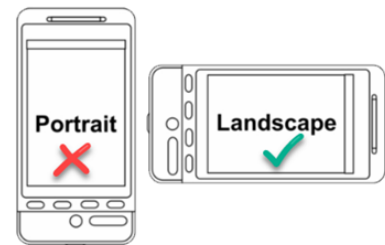
Tips on making videos with your smart phone!

Main areas of interest:

- Framing
- Lighting
- Stability
- Audio

Framing

When making movies, the landscape framing is greatly preferred. When making still photos either method could be used but it depends on where the photo will be used. If the photo is destined to be inserted into a video then again landscaping is greatly preferred. Something else to be aware of—be careful to not cover the camera lens with a finger. It is way too easy to do.



Stability

Hold the camera as steady as possible. There are a few tricks that can help. Lock your elbows into your body. Another would be to lean against something stable like a wall or a railing for example. Try not to walk while you are making the video because walking causes extra movements that are very hard to eliminate. If you need to move the camera then get a firm stance and then rotate around your waist. These are several things to consider in order to try and make as stable a video as possible.

Lighting

Expensive camera lights should not be necessary if you take a few of these pointers in mind. Try to always have the brightest light source to your back and not behind the subject that you are recording. Most smart phone cameras can compensate for lighting variations but cannot overcome a bright light behind your subject. Your subject will probably be too dark. These considerations are necessary whether your recording indoors or outdoors.

Audio

If you are making the recording indoors make sure all windows and doors to the outside are closed. No music should be playing in the background as well. All these things can be distracting in your video. If you are recording outside then be aware of any wind blowing. That can also be very distracting. If you must record on a windy day then try and find a windbreak to minimize the effect of the sound of wind.

If you want to get very serious with the recordings then you can investigate in external microphones that can greatly improve your audio. If you want to go this route then search the Internet for recommendations.



The final tip is to get plenty of practice. When you look at the recording you made (and I suggest to try and look at it on a larger screen like a TV set) you will see if there are any improvements needed. A final tip to the final tip (LOL). Keep an eye on how much free space you have on your smart phone. Making videos tend to be very large and can eat up your storage capacities on your phone. You may need to download these videos onto a laptop or desktop to free up room on your phone.



[Click Here for the MC Video created for the 60th Anniversary](#)

[Click here for MC Hockey Game 2023](#)

[Click Here for the Mens Club at Fun Fest 2023](#)

We have a YouTube Channel!



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Checkout Page 4!

We can use multiple people to make videos at our events!

You can then showoff your handy work to the Grandkids!

[Click Here to see the Sweethearts Ball 2023](#)

Copy this address to send to friends and family!

Click here to Subscribe and the Bell to receive notification when new content is added!

The screenshot displays the YouTube channel for 'Sun City Center, FL Men's Club'. The channel has 3 subscribers and 4 videos. The video uploads are as follows:

Video Title	Duration	Views	Time Ago
MC Hockey Feb 2023	5:08	4 views	18 hours ago
Men's Club Sweethearts Ball 2023	15:31	11 views	2 days ago
Men's Club at the SCC Fun Fest 2023	14:26	13 views	3 days ago
Mens Club information Oct 2022	10:12	15 views	3 days ago



Over the next few months the "Board Spotlight" will tell everyone about two of our Board Members each month. Examples could include:

- ♦ How he found his way to SCC...
- ♦ His picture...
- ♦ What role / roles he performs for the Men's Club...

All in about 100 words or less!



Board Spotlight

Jim Rottman - Vice President for Special Projects

Jim Rottman and his wife Ginny are from Ohio, and has been in SCC since 1999. Jim spent his career with General Electric, spent six years in the Marine Corp Reserves, has been a member of the Men's Club since 2010. Jim served as President of the Club in 2013 and is currently VP of Special Events. That position involves arranging bus trips to sporting events, an occasional concert or play, and headed up the Fun Fest event.



Don Murphy—Reservations Manager

I was born in Chicago, Illinois in 1939, the last of eight children (7 boys and 1 girl.) I attended school in Chicago and went on to attend the University of Illinois at Navy Pier and switched to Loyola University of Chicago at the end of my second year. I started to work full-time at age 14 and attended school the whole time.



I worked for several railroads C.E. & I. and Santa Fe and moved on to my real career in transportation working for the airlines Delta, American and Northwest and then spent 30 years with British Airways ending up as a senior manager for the airline for Denver and all states west including Hawaii based in Los Angeles.

I had a second career arranging transportation for religious groups involved major in religious conventions around the world and missionary trips to sponsor special missions all over the world. We moved to Sun City Center in 2002 and I became very active in Prince of Peace Church, doing taxes for the community and the Men's Club.

I am currently the longest serving officer on the Men's Club Executive Board having served in 9 out of 14 positions since 2006.

Don't Forget to register for our next luncheon!



Our Menu



Meatloaf



Filet of Sole



**Chef selected
side dishes/vegetables**



**Dessert
Table**



**Decaf Coffee,
Iced Tea and
Sodas**



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**Delivery cost for
South Shore Resource Guide**

**Radios (3) for
Security Squad**

WHAT WE HAVE BEEN UP TO

*The SCC Men's Club earns money from various sources
so that we can afford to give back to our Community!*

Here are a few of the current ones...

**Audubon Nature Trail
- posts & installation**

**Emergency Squad child
mannequins/Pedi-packs**

Ongoing: Lifeline & Healthcare

**Emergency Squad - profits from
Dec Holland America cruise**

**Over \$11,000
back into the
Community so
far in 2023!!!**

IF YOU HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT THE MEN'S CLUB AND DON'T KNOW WHO TO ASK

INFO@SCCMENSCLUB.COM



Tampa Bay Rays VS Boston Red Sox



★ April 13th –
1:10pm
★ Tropicana Field
★ Bus Departs Com-
munity Hall at 11:45a
★ SHARP



★ Price only \$40 / ticket
★ Seats in the 200 Level
★ Free Rays Tote Bag

How Can I Reserve a spot?

Drop checks off at the Men's Club Office!

1002 Cherry Hills Drive, Sun City Center, 33573

*For this game, we have invited members of the
Security Patrol to join us.*

Hurry! Still have seats available!



On March 11th the Men's Club again provided 280 of our famous grilled 1 pound pork chops and 150 chicken breast sandwiches at our tent. We sold out at 12:30pm!! A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU to our grill master this year — Barry Glassman who took the lead on purchasing and grilling .



Appears that we cleared over \$1400 ! This is down from previous years but we kept the prices this year as planned despite higher costs.

Also thanks to all the guys who grilled, served food, who helped set up and cleanup....plus those who loaned us their propane tanks and coolers!

— Jim Rottman



Our Guest Speaker for April:

Craig Latimer—Hillsborough County Supervisor of Elections



He was elected to his position in November 2012 and took office on January 8, 2013. He was re-elected in 2016 and 2020, and is now proudly serving his third term in office.

His vision is to make Hillsborough County the best place in America to vote.



RESERVATIONS FOR OUR LUNCHEONS:

- ★ Our meetings are usually held the 3rd Wednesday of each month
- ★ Any changes are typically in our Newsletter—The Chronicle
- ★ Deadline is the Sunday before our luncheon @ 6 pm. (we need to order the food)
- ★ Register by either email or phone YOU WILL RECEIVE A CONFIRMATION by email or a phone call!
- ★ 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 (a first time visitor only can get the free lunch) to be a guest of the Mens Club...



**SCAM
ALERT**



Feedback!

On March 9th, 2023, we had 350 or so attendees at our "Preventing Crime against Senior Citizens" workshop. There were three speakers who covered all aspects of a wide variety of potential scams. They discussed how scammers gain your trust, get you to send them money

or gift cards, and how they can hook you in to continue to send more money. One of the speakers explained how they are able to hack into your computer. The workshop was sponsored by the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department, the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay, and our very own Men's Club. The seminar went very well, and we just had enough coffee, donuts, and brownies which were provided free to the attendees.

- Bruce Fraser: VP of Membership



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