

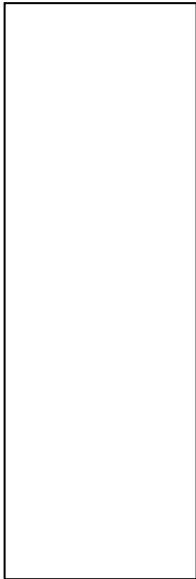


Saint David Men's Club

Web Site

<http://www.saintdavidmensclub.org/>

St. David Men's Club
3900 S. University Drive
Davie, FL 33328



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2005

Newsletter

Club Officers

Your officers for the 2004-2005 club year are:

President	Vinnie Marino	954-382-9179
Vice President	Doug Blau	954-423-1397
Treasurer	Bob Salerno	954-581-8718
Secretary	Tom Fitzgerald	954-791-0136
Board Member	Bob Balandis	954-473-0244
Board Member	Tim Stead	954-424-8559
Past President	George Caffrey	954-680-0733

Please feel free to contact any board member with any questions or comments. Please meet at the monthly board meeting to ensure your issues are added to the agenda.

Note: all board meetings are held two weeks prior to the general meeting at 7:30pm in the parish hall. The board meetings are open to all members.

2005-2006 Club Elections

Nominations for the 2005-2006 Men's Club Board were closed at the April 7 meeting. Only one board position (Even Year Board Member) will be voted on at the May 5th meeting.

At our May meeting you will be asked to vote one of the following candidates for the position of Even Year Board Member:

Ken Hanson
Fran Lixie
Charlie Purkhiser

Running uncontested are:

Vinny Marino – President
Bob Balandis – Vice-President
Bob Salerno – Treasurer
Marco Enriquez – Secretary
Tim Stead – Odd-Year Member
George Caffrey – Past President

Stepping down at the end of this term are Doug Blau and Tom Fitzgerald. Many thanks to both for their service as board members for the past several years.

Humor

Bubba was from Alabama, and was a good ol' Southern Baptist, but he had one weakness, he loved to sneak away to the racetrack. One day he was there betting on the ponies, and losing his shirt, when he noticed a priest step out onto the track and bless the forehead of one of the horses lining up for the 4th race. Lo and behold, this horse -- a very long shot -- won the race.

Bubba was most interested to see what the priest did in the next race. Sure enough, he watched the priest step out onto the track as the horses for the fifth race lined up, and placed a blessing on the forehead of one of the horses. Bubba made a beeline for the window and placed a small bet on the horse. Again, even though another long shot, the horse the priest had blessed won the race.

Bubba collected his winnings and anxiously waited to see which horse the priest bestowed his blessing on for the 6th race. The priest showed, blessed a horse, Bubba bet on it, and it won! Bubba was elated!

As the day went on, the priest continued blessing one of the horses, and it always came in first. Bubba began to pull in some serious money, and by the last race, he knew his wildest dreams were going to come true. He made a quick stop at the ATM, withdrew all of his money and awaited the priest's blessing that would tell him which horse to bet on.

True to his pattern, the priest stepped out onto the track before the last race and blessed the forehead, eyes, ears and hooves of one of the horses. Bubba bet every cent, and watched the horse come in dead last. He was dumbfounded.

He made his way to the track, and when he found the priest, he demanded, "What happened, Father? All day you blessed horses and they won. The last race, you blessed a horse and he lost. Now I've lost all my savings, thanks to you!!"

The priest nodded wisely and said, "That's the problem with you Protestants, you can't tell the difference between a simple Blessing and the Last Rites."

Club Calendar of Events

May 05	General Meeting at 8:00 pm
May 19	Board Meeting at 7:00 pm
May 27	Last Day of School
May 30	Memorial Day
Jun 02	General Meeting at 8:00 pm
Jun 04	2005 Golf Tournament at 8:00 am
Jun 10-12	Fishing Trip – Everglades City
Jun 18	Spring Dinner Dance 7:00 pm Renaissance Hotel
Jun 23	Board Meeting at 7:00 pm

Prayer for the Church

(from A Treasury of Catholic Prayers at www.catholicdoors.com)

Heavenly Father,

Look upon our community of faith, which is the church of your son, Jesus Christ. Help us to witness to his love by loving all our fellow creatures without exception.

Under the leadership of Pope Benedict XVI, Archbishop Favolora and all the priests keep us faithful to Christ's mission of calling all men and women to your service so that there may be "one fold and one Shepherd".

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Amen !



Pope John Paul II (1920-2005)

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

Sunshine Committee

Ray Wyman is recovering from bypass surgery and doing well at Naples Community Hospital. Rocco Conno is at home recovering after surgery last week. Please keep both members in your prayers as they recover from their illness.

Jane Stead (Tim's mother) passed away Wednesday April 20th, 2005. She was an angel on earth, so we know she'll be right at home in heaven.

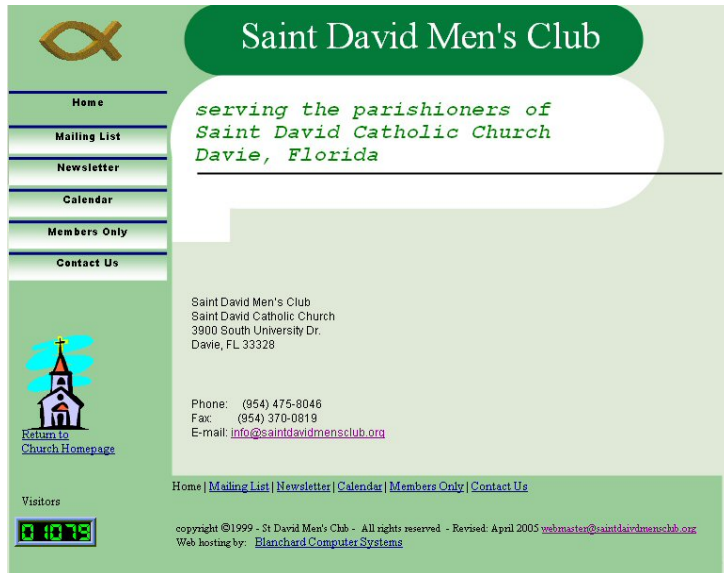
Bart Reed (former Men's Club member) passed away Thursday April 21st as the result of an automobile accident. May he rest in peace.

Remember if any member or member's family is ill or hospitalized please notify Tom Vinceguerra (954-227-9940).

Communications

If you haven't seen it yet, go quickly and log onto the internet and see our new website: www.saintdavidmensclub.org.

Jim Blanchard has lost a lot of sleep working late hours and putting together a website that is extremely professional and quite impressive. The website allows you to see pictures from club activities, copies of the newsletter, check the club calendar, contact information and a special members only section where you can sign-up for email notices, obtain copies of the bylaws, etc. Links to our parish website are also included.



Home page of our new website

If you have any stories or notices that you would like to see included in the newsletter, please contact Rick Clawson. (954-579-0917 or rdhclawson@yahoo.com) Please feel free to send any pictures you'd like to include in the newsletter.

Did You Know?

The Blue Whales' tongue weighs more than a full grown elephant.

No matter what the size of a piece of paper, it cannot be folded in half more than 7 times.

Are you part of the 33% of the population that cannot snap their fingers.

Bluebirds cannot see the color blue.

Quotable Quotes

The quieter you become, the more you can hear. – Ram Dass.

If you tell the truth you don't have to remember anything. – Mark Twain

Those who say it cannot be done, interrupt the people doing it. – Chinese Proverb

Life is not about the breaths we take, it's about what takes our breath away. – Heidi Willis

Even if you win the rat race...you're still a rat. – Lilly Tomlin

No sense in being pessimistic, it won't work anyway.

Men's Club Shirts

Men's Club shirts are a great way to identify yourself as a member of the Men's Club at all functions. Shirts are available in either Green or White with our club Logo and embroidered with your first name. Shirts cost \$20 each.

Contact Fran Lixie at 954-434-0466 for additional information.

June Fishing Trip

Our next fishing trip is scheduled for the weekend of June 10th through the 12th. Please register early as this event fills up quickly each year. The cost for the weekend trip is \$160 per person and includes two nights in the hotel, Friday night bar-b-que, continental breakfast, a day of fishing with box lunch, dinner at the Captain's Table restaurant and Sunday morning breakfast at the Oar House. If you've never been, treat yourself to one of the highlights of club membership. Please see Bill Cull or Carter Clough to register or for additional information.

p.s. Who can beat Team Crack with the most fish brought to the dock this year?

Spring Dinner Dance

The annual Spring Dinner Dance to commemorate the installation of our new Board Members will be held June 18, 2005 at the Renaissance Hotel at I-595 and Pine Island Boulevard. The cost is \$25/person and entertainment will be provided.

Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres are served from 6:30-7:30 pm and dinner is from 7:30-11:00 pm with a cash bar.

The hotel is offering us a fine gourmet menu this year:

- Red Wine and Herb Marinated Grilled Chicken with Apricots in a White Zinfandel Sauce and four-grain rice pilaf.
- Gorgonzola crusted Sirloin Steak with Crimini Mushroom Sauce and Rosemary Roasted Red Potatoes.
- Grilled Atlantic Salmon Fillet over Spinach Fettuccini with a Cilantro/Chardonnay cream sauce.

Bring your dancing shoes and a hearty appetite. We look forward to seeing you there Saturday June 18th.

2005 Golf Tournament

The 2005 St. David Men's Club golf tournament is fast approaching. Marco Enriquez has volunteered to chair our annual Golf Tournament on Saturday June 4th at the Hollywood Beach Country Club with an 8:00 am shotgun start.

Attached to this newsletter is a registration form for this year's tournament. The registration fee is \$75 per golfer, which includes green fees, cart, luncheon, complimentary beer/soda/water on the course and trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams.

Please register early and recruit your friends and neighbors to join us for a fun and relaxing round of golf at the Hollywood Beach CC.

Hole/tee box sponsorships are available at \$100 and include a printed sign with your company name.

We are also accepting/requesting members to donate a bottle of liquor that can be put together to make "baskets of cheer". These gifts seem to be well appreciated every year.

We ask all members to solicit donations from any businesses that you interact with. A dinner for two, hair cut, oil change, car wash, etc. Attached is a letter of reference from Fr. O'Reilly. Please feel free to make copies and use the reference letter to help motivate restaurant owners or other businesses to donate prizes to be used as gifts for our golfers. Our goal is to have at least one gift for each golfer.

This is the second largest and longest running fundraiser within our organization. This fundraiser can only be a success with your participation.

Tuesday Night Basketball

Every Tuesday night, members of the Men's Club meet at the parish Activity Center for an evening of basketball. The games are played just for fun. So get off the couch and slip down to the church for a little exercise and a few laughs with your fellow club members.



Steve Armstrong, Corey Aberman, Kevin Murray and Al Leja take a time out from shooting hoops.

Your New Pope

- Pope Benedict XVI (16th) is the 265th Pope of our Church.
- The translation of Benedict is "Blessed"
- Pope Benedict was born Joseph Ratzinger in the town of Marktl am Inn, a small village in the Bavarian mountains of Germany.
- Benedict is the first German pope in about 1000 years.
- Pope Benedict was ordained in 1951 and became a cardinal in 1977.
- Pope Benedict was a POW during World War II.
- Pope Benedict was a theology professor at the University of Regensburg in Germany.
- Pope Benedict (78) is the oldest Pope elected since 1730
- The Pope's email address is benedictxvi@vatican.va

Men's Club Retreat

The annual Men's Club Retreat was held April 15-17 at the Our Lady of Florida Spiritual Center in Lake Worth. The retreat was titled "God's Faithfulness in an Insecure World". St. David's Parish participated along with St. Gregory, St. Bonaventure, St. Bernadette and St. Sebastian and several others Broward county parishes.



Doug Blau, Bob Salerno, Bob Balandis, Rick Clawson, Tom Fitzgerald, Tom Zavertrnik, Stan Mazurkiewicz, Vince Marino and Tony Antonacci representing our Men's Club at the retreat.

A special thanks to Tom Zavertrnik for taking the time and effort to organize this annual event for both our club and on behalf of the entire parish.

Don't forget that Tom's wife Cheryl organizes the retreat every October for the women of St. David Parish. Please let your better half know of the opportunity coming this fall.