

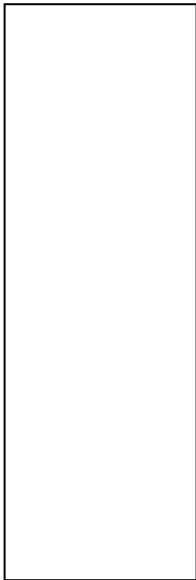


Saint David Men's Club

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December 2007
Newsletter

St. David Men's Club
3900 S. University Drive
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Club Officers

Your officers for the 2006-2007 club year are:

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| Board Member | Ed Matula | 954-476-0467 |
| Past President | Vinnie Marino | 954-382-9179 |

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. Board meetings are open to all members.

Sunshine Committee

The Men's Club Sunshine Committee exists to provide a way for all of us to express our sympathies to members and their immediate family who have experienced serious illness or the loss of a loved one. If you are aware of a member in this situation, please contact either Ray Wyman (954-473-2147) or Tom Vinceguerra (954-227-9940).

Christmas Prayer by Robert Luis Stevenson

Loving Father, Help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.

May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children, and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Humor

Years ago a scout for a professional football team was driving through the country. As he passed a farm he noticed a young boy hoisting heavy bales of hay with one arm and throwing them 50 yards in the air onto the back of a pickup truck. The astonished football scout stopped and walked up to the young man. He held up a football and asked, "Hey, do you think you could pass this thing?" The boy replied, "Pass it? Heck, I don't think I could even swallow it!"

What do you call a sleepwalking Nun?
A Roamin' Catholic

What's Jesus Christ on a skateboard?
A radical Christian Movement!

One day, a priest and a teacher of mathematics are walking past a school. Suddenly, out of a second story window falls a trigonometry textbook. When it hits the ground in front of the pair, it falls open to the section about the ratio of the opposite side from a given angle of a right triangle and the hypotenuse.

The math teacher falls to his knees and the priest looks down and asks, "What are you doing?" "Praying," responds the teacher, "can't you see it's a sine from above?"

You know you have put up too many Christmas lights when the guys from your electric company honk, smile and wave when they pass you on the street.

There are three kinds of people in the world - those who can count, and those who can't.

There is a fine line between fishing and standing still.

What do they call a wild elf in Wyoming? Gnome on the range!

How do you describe a rich elf? Welfy

If athletes get athlete's foot, what do elves get? Mistle-toes!

December Sudoku Puzzle – Al Wieczorek

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3x3 square contains every digit 1-9. Solution next month.

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November Answer

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Men’s Club Sports

Basketball is played every Tuesday at 7:00 pm in the parish activity center. Get up off the couch and have a little fun playing some round ball against other members. Attention all softball players. Recreational league play at Bamford Park is starting soon. Please see Doug Blau or Scott Lee for additional information

**President’s Report
From
Bob Balandis**



The Christmas Holidays are upon us, and Santa Doug and his elves are busy selling Christmas trees. Special thanks go out to all of those who volunteer their time and efforts making this a successful fund-raiser for the Saint David Men's Club. Please join us on Friday, December 14th at 7PM in the parish hall for our annual Christmas Party.

**TOP 5 REASONS WHY NOT TO MISS THIS
YEARS CHRISTMAS PARTY**

5. It's not really Christmas until you have a Wayne L Sing-a-Long.
4. This year shop for your wife's Christmas present at the raffle prize table.
3. Open Bar. Free Food. Priceless.
2. See if Vinny Marino can once again clear out the parish hall with his rendition of a Frank Sinatra song.
1. 6 words: Scary Karoeke with Salerno and Blau.

Enjoy the Holiday Season and hope to see all of you at our next meeting on December 6th.

Bob Balandis

Thank You BB&T & Graphic Alliance

Special thanks to BB&T Banking and Trust Company for their donation of mailing services for this month's newsletter. We are also indebted to Graphic Alliance for providing printing services. These thoughtful donations save a significant expense putting out the newsletter every month.

Pancake Breakfast

Pancakes are sold every 1st Sunday of the month after masses in the Gazebo. We are always looking for volunteers to help serve dishes and flip a few pancakes. Our November pancake sale was a good day with a lot of help from Kevin Murray, Scott Lee, John Frink, Fran Lixie and

Comedy Club Night

It was a night of good food, good drink, good company and alot of laughter at the Improv on November 17th when we attended the comedy club show starring Jake Johanson. Those who attended this event were: Al and Mary Leja, Dennis and Karin Staruch, Pete "touch this" Lehman and his wife Sharon, Vinny and Susan Marino, Bob and Sue Balandis, Mike and Melodie Tyrrell, Rich and Katie DeNunzio, and Doug Blau.. A good time was had by all, and we hope to plan some other upcoming events at the Hard Rock in the near future.

Did You Know?

The Christmas tree probably originated from popular early medieval religious plays, "the Paradise Plays," performed in churches and town squares of Europe during the Advent season. The plays told the story of the human race from the creation of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Paradise till the Birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. On stage during the play was a great tree hung with apples, symbolizing the Garden of Paradise. Soon people began the custom of putting a "paradise tree" laden with gifts and lighted with candles in their homes during the Christmas season to celebrate paradise regained through the coming of Christ.

Representing many things--the original tree of paradise, the life-giving tree of Christ's cross, the tree John the Apostle saw in the Book of Revelations, "a tree of life, which yields twelve crops of fruit, one for each month of the year...for the healing of the nations"--our Christmas tree is rich in Christian symbolism.

2007 St. David Men's Club Christmas Party

Mark your calendars. The Saint David Men's Club Christmas party has been scheduled for Friday, December 14th at the parish hall starting at 7PM. Food, beverages and entertainment will be provided. This event is "free" for all members of the Men's Club and their spouse. Try your luck at our raffle prize table.

All we ask is that you bring a covered dish for our food table. And also bring an unwrapped toy to the party so that a needy child can enjoy a special Christmas. More information to follow at our next meeting.

Christmas Tree Sales

Our 6th year of selling Christmas trees is well underway with another fine crop of Frasier and Balsa Fir trees from the same Vermont farmer we have always used. The second truck arrived last week and as of Sunday we probably have 250-300 trees remaining. If you haven't picked out your tree yet, hurry down before they are all gone.

If you have some spare time, especially on the weekends, please stop by the tree lot and help move a few trees out.

Also don't forget that we have scheduled to take down the tents on Saturday December 15th at 9:00 am. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Calendar of Events

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| Dec 06 | General Meeting at Parish Hall 8 pm |
| Dec 09 | Pancake Breakfast at the Gazebo |
| Dec 14 | Men's Club Christmas Party (Don't forget to bring an unwrapped gift) |
| Dec 15 | Christmas Tree Breakdown |
| Dec 20 | Board Meeting 7:30 pm |
| Dec 25 | CHRISTMAS |
| Jan 01 | HAPPY NEW YEAR !! |
| Jan 03 | General Meeting at Parish Hall 8 pm |
| Jan 21 | Martin Luther King Birthday |
| Jan 24 | Board Meeting 7:30 pm |
| Feb 07 | General Meeting at Parish Hall 8 pm |