

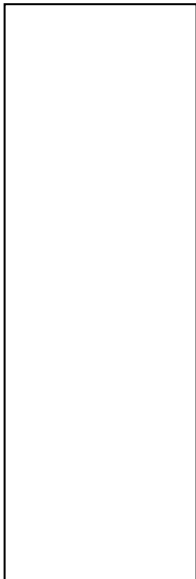


# Saint David Men's Club

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January 2008  
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:

President	Bob Balandis	954-473-0244
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Board Member	Bob Salerno	954-581-8718
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).

### Prayer for the New Year

Holy Father,  
God of our yesterdays, our today, and our tomorrows. We praise You for Your unequalled greatness. Thank You for the year behind us and for the year ahead.  
Help us in Your new year, Father, to fret less and laugh more. To teach our children to laugh by laughing with them. To teach others to love by loving them. Help us, Father, to hear Your love song in every sunrise, in the chirping of sparrows in our backyards, in the stories of our old folks, and the fantasies of our children.  
Help us to stop and listen to Your love songs, so that we may know You better. Thank You for another new year and for new chances every day. We pray for peace, for light, and for hope, that we might spread them to others.  
Forgive us for falling short this past year. We accept Your gift of a new year and we rejoice in what's ahead, depending on You to help us do exactly what You want.

Amen.  
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### Humor

There was a new priest who wanted to rent a house in the country. The only house available was rumored to be haunted. Since the priest didn't believe in such things, he rented it. It wasn't long before the ghost made its appearance. The priest told his friends about the ghost, but they didn't believe him. They told him the only way they would believe was if he would take a picture of the ghost. The priest went home and called for the ghost. When it appeared, he explained the situation and asked the ghost if it would mind having its picture taken. The ghost agreed.  
When the picture was developed, the ghost wasn't visible. Feeling very disappointed, the priest called again for the ghost. When it appeared, the priest showed it the picture and wanted to know why the ghost wasn't in it.  
The ghost thought a minute and replied, "Well, I guess the spirit was willing, but the flash was weak."

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Question: What do you call a cow with no legs?  
Answer: Ground Beef

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What did the Buddhist say to the hot dog vendor?  
"Make me one with everything."

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According to a recent survey about your knowledge of the Bible, 12% of Americans believe that Noah was married to Joan of Arc.

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There once was a girl from St. Paul  
Wore a newspaper dress to a ball  
The paper caught fire  
and burned her entire  
Front page, sport section and all

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Do you know the difference between "inlaws" and "outlaws"?  
A: Outlaws are wanted.

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What do Queen Elizabeth and King Tut have in common?  
They're both royal mummies.

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If at first you don't succeed, don't try skydiving..

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Why didn't Bullfighting catch on in France?  
Because in French, "Ole" means "with milk"!

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## January Sudoku Puzzle – Al Wiczorek

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

	5			3	8		4	
	8	9	1	5				
1	2		4		7	8	9	
		8	2		9	3		
7	6		5		3		2	4
		2	6		1	5		
	9	4	8		6		5	7
				2	4	6	1	
1			7	9			8	

December Answer

7	1	3	6	9	2	8	4	5
9	2	8	5	7	4	6	1	3
5	6	4	8	1	3	7	9	2
8	5	9	1	2	6	4	3	7
1	7	6	3	4	8	2	5	9
3	4	2	7	5	9	1	6	8
2	3	1	4	8	5	9	7	6
4	8	5	9	6	7	3	2	1
6	9	7	2	3	1	5	8	4

## Annual Family Picnic

Our annual Family Picnic will be held on Sunday February 10<sup>th</sup> at the Tree Tops Park in Davie. This event is free to all members and their immediate family. Carter's famous ribs along with salads and sides from the Women's Club make this a don't miss event. Come out and try your luck in defeating Mickey Looker as the reigning horseshoe champion.

## 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.

## President's Report From Bob Balandis



It's 2008, and I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy, Peaceful and Healthy New Year. As we begin a New Year, the Saint David Men's Club has its own special "wish list".

### 2008 Saint David Men's Club Wish List(Top 10)

10. Pete Schroeder-an invoice for every check written.
9. Scott Lee, Al Leja, Marc Kiar, Bob Salerno-a chance to repeat as Softball Champions in 2008.
8. Babe Messina-a new Christmas outfit when working the Christmas tree lot (see website/newsletter photo)
7. Doug Blau & Bob Salerno-singing lessons (yes, we had to throw you guys under the bus once again due to your Christmas party performance).
6. Pete Lehman-99 bottles of beer in the trailer, 99 bottles of beer, drink one down, pass it around.....
5. Dave Aman-heard he was looking for a part time job as a "used Christmas Tree salesman".
4. The Miami Dolphins-a winning season. No, we better make that a victory or two.
3. Ray Wyman-someone to join the "Ray Wyman" fan club he started. Anyone interested?
2. Carter Clough-looking for that perfect BBQ sauce recipe for his ribs.
1. To the entire Men's Club-a never ending supply of "ice cold" beverages.

Enjoy the New Year, and let us remember that the best gifts of all come from the heart. Enjoy your family and friends. Hope to see you at our next Men's Club meeting on January 3rd.

## **Softball Champions**

A big round of congratulations go out to the members of the Saint David Men's Club Softball Team for winning the Davie Men's Softball League. Scott Lee, Marc Kiar, Al Leja and Bob Salerno headed the line-up that squeaked into the playoffs by snagging the final wild card spot. Once in the playoffs though, the bats were hot and the fielding was even hotter as they took the first game 8-7. The second game found our heroes down again, but timely hitting led to a 12-11 victory in the Championship Game. The trophy will be displayed in our room 202 for the coming year. Way to go guys!

## **Christmas Tree Tent Breakdown**

Our Christmas Tree tents were officially taken down on Saturday 12/15/07 with the help from Doug Blau, Kevin Murray, Thom Bambenek, Tom Fitzgerald and Bob Balandis. Our Saint David Men's Club trailer was cleaned out and packed up for next year. We even managed to sell one of the last 2 remaining Christmas trees for \$100 when we were tearing down the tents. Thanks to all who made this once again, a very successful fund raiser for our club.

## **Did You Know?**

Even though the facts about the wise men who went to see the baby Jesus are unknown, what is documented is the three gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh that were given. But what are those gifts and why were they given by the wise men?

During Biblical times, myrrh was used in making perfume and incense. The tree called Commiphora or DinDin produces the sap when the bark is cut. When the myrrh hardens it is usually made into powder, which was used in perfumes and as incense.

Frankincense is also a gum resin similar to myrrh from the tree Boswellia Thurifera found in the Middle East and Somalia. The younger the tree the more valuable and the better the sap. When the bark is cut, the sap is left to harden on the tree for about 3 months. When it is ready, it is scraped off into containers. Frankincense was used in incense for religious and government ceremonies. Although its use as incense was more popular, frankincense was also used in perfume.

The gift of gold that was given by the wise men does not need much of an explanation but was also a traditional gift given to any king or head of state.

## **Club Christmas Party Report**

Despite a light turnout for our annual Christmas party (partly due to St. Thomas Aquinas football state championship game and our own St. David softball team championship game), those who attended were entertained by both Wayne L and the Saint David Men's Club Choir. It was reported that in the Town of Davie, the dead were rising from the grave and small animals and children were seen running for cover when Bob Salerno and Doug Blau headed for the microphone. Their talents(?) were "unique" and American Idol hopefuls due not have to worry about any competition from the men's club.

Money collected from the raffle prizes totaled \$520.00 with several surprises. We had several "multiple" winners including Wayne L(3 gifts), Doug and Tia Blau(3), Val and Al Wiczorek(3), Bob & Sue Balandis(4), Mickey & Sara Looker(2), and Tim & Susan Stead(2). Tom Fitzgerald may have left empty handed from the raffle prize table, but we will have something special for him to remember the night at our next meeting. A special note of thanks to all who stayed late and helped clean up after the party. Hope you all had some fun, and we wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

## **A Christmas Tree Lot Story**

Who do you call, when you are in need of a Christmas Tree and are short on cash. It's Pete Lehman, of course. When a woman came to the Christmas tree lot, looking for a table top Christmas tree that was "inexpensive", Pete Lehman went the extra mile to make her holidays happy. He found a "Charlie Brown" discarded Christmas tree in the dumpster and cut the top off a tree for her "table top".

At the same time another woman, who recently lost her job, was looking for a small tree and it was Pete Lehman once again who modified the bottom of that discarded "Charlie Brown" tree in exchange of some "curry goat". Both women left the Christmas tree lot with a smile and appreciation for the Saint David Men's Club for making their holidays a little happier. Yes Virginia, there is a Santa Claus, and his name is Pete Lehman.