



Saint David Men's Club

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Newsletter

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

SPECIAL NOTICE (New Time & Date)
JANUARY MEETING
January 8th at 7:00 PM



Club Officers

Your officers for the 2008-2009 club year are:

President	Bill Greco	954-966-8050
Vice President	Tom Fitzgerald	954-214-4803
Treasurer	Bob Salerno	954-581-8718
Secretary	Kevin Murray	954-424-6652
Board Member	Steve Armstrong	954-797-7497
Board Member	Scott Lee	954-472-5497
Past President	Bob Balandis	954-473-0244

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).

A New Year's Prayer

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. Knowing, when Love came to the stable in Bethlehem, He came for us. So that Love could be with us, and we could know You. That we could share Love with others. 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 and better. We rejoice in the world You loved into being. 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 leave the irreparable past in your hands, and step out into the unknown new year knowing You will go with us. 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.

Humor

McQuillan walked into a bar and ordered martini after martini, each time removing the olives and placing them in a jar. When the jar was filled with olives and all the drinks consumed, the Irishman started to leave.

"S'cuse me", said a customer, who was puzzled over what McQuillan had done, "what was that all about?"

"Nothin', said the Irishman, "me wife just sent me for a jar of olives!"

An Irishman had been drinking at a pub all night. The bartender finally said that the bar was closing. So, the Irishman stood up to leave fell flat on his face. He tried to stand one more time; same result. He figured he'll crawl outside and get some fresh air and maybe that will sober him up. Once outside, he stood up and fell on his face again. So he decided to crawl the four blocks home.

He crawled through the door and into his bedroom. When he reached his bed he tried one more time to stand up. This time he managed to pull himself upright, but he quickly fell right into the bed and is sound asleep as soon as his head hit the pillow. He was awakened the next morning to his wife standing over him, shouting, "SO YOU'VE BEEN DRINKING AGAIN!"

Putting on an innocent look, and intent on bluffing it out he said, "What makes you say that?" "The pub just called; you left your wheelchair there again."

Why is it that the Bible is not allowed in school, but is one of the first things issued to prisoners when they enter jail?

A couple was celebrating their golden wedding anniversary. Their domestic tranquility had long been the talk of the town. A local newspaper reporter was inquiring as to the secret of their long and happy marriage.

Well, it dates back to our honeymoon," Explained the man. We visited the Grand Canyon and took a trip down the bottom of the canyon by pack mule. We hadn't gone too far when my wife's mule stumbled. My wife quietly said, "That's once." We proceeded a little farther when the mule stumbled again. One more my wife quietly said, "That's twice." We hadn't gone a half-mile when the mule stumbled a third time. My wife promptly removed a revolver from her pocket and shot him.

I started to protest over her treatment of the mule when she looked at me and quietly said, "That's once."

Christmas Party

Our Christmas party was a lot of fun, excellent meals were prepared by all, but special notice goes out to the Arneson's who cooked up a batch of shrimp that were out of this world good.

We had 72 guests who cut the rug and attempted a few karaoke songs while enjoying themselves at the open bar.

While the economy is not doing good, the generosity shared by our members was fantastic. Ed Smith's car was loaded down with new toys for the children of St. George's parish. Thank you Ed for letting us share the true spirit of Christmas by helping those less fortunate than us.

St. David Athletic Program

The board has provided a \$1000 donation to the St. David school for the purchase of new athletic equipment. These funds were previously approved in our 2008-2009 budget. New soccer balls, volleyball nets and uniforms will be available to students at St. David as a result. Thank you members for making this possible.

Church Audio/Visual System

The board has provided a substantial donation to the parish to help fund the purchase of a new audio/visual projection system for the church. This projection system will eliminate the need for equipment rental when messages from the Archdiocese or other church programs are presented.

Our hard work selling Christmas trees allows us to fund these projects within our parish. Thank you all for your support.

President's Report From Bill Greco



To All Members,
Thank you, Thank you, Thank you to all members who helped us sell all of our Christmas trees this year. I want to provide special recognition to Doug Blau who worked tirelessly to make sure each captain understood their responsibilities and probably put in more hours at the tree tent than he did anywhere else for the three weeks after Thanksgiving. Doug your leadership is a great example for all the members. We have 2008 behind us and we should all take a moment to remember those we have lost in the past year (Eddie Matula, Tony Antonocci, Val Wieczorek). I look forward to working with all of you in 2009. Our hard work is behind us and we can look forward to the fishing trips, golf tournaments, family picnic and all of the other events that provide us the opportunity to enjoy the friendships our club presents. May God bless you and your family throughout the coming year.

Bill

SPECIAL NOTICE-JAN MEETING

Due to the holiday schedule, the January meeting will be held on the second Thursday of the month at **7pm.** Our January meeting will be held on January 8th at 7pm in the parish hall. Please take note of the change in date and time and arrange your schedule accordingly. We will make every effort to conclude the meeting in time for the BCS championship kick-off.

Chilli Cook-off

The annual South Florida Chili Cook-Off will be held January 25th at CB Smith Park in Pembroke Pines. Al, Scott, Bob, Andrew and Steve will be mixing up a batch of their famous recipe in an attempt to win the top award this year. Tickets to the KISS 99 chili cook off are available through Ticketmaster. If you are going, please stop in, visit with the guys and try some of the best Chili you'll ever taste.

Thank You BB&T

Special thanks to BB&T - Branch Banking and Trust Company for their donation of mailing services for this month's newsletter. This thoughtful donation makes a significant saving to the expense of putting out the newsletter every month

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

In Memorium – Valerie Wieczorek

Valerie Wiezorek, wife of our telephone chairman Al, passed away December 1st after a long illness. Valerie founded the library at St. David school and worked tirelessly for the children of our parish. She was a special lady Al and we share in your grief.

Pancake Breakfast

Our next pancake breakfast will be Sunday January 4th at the Gazebo. Come along and flip a few cakes with your fellow members, we can always use an extra pair of hands. If any one has any questions, please contact the pancake chairman Tom Fitzgerald.

Christmas Tree Sales

Our biggest fundraiser was another success this year. Over 800 trees were sold including the monster 15 footer that Bob Balandis and John Frink managed to sell on the final day as the second half of a two tree package.

As always, a big round of applause to Doug Blau who managed to make sure that the tents were up on time, the trees delivered, phone line activated and just all around good guy and who always said yes when someone asked for help.

Thanks to Dave Aman who is our #1 salesman each weekend, Dave has developed a loyal following and people are often seen coming out of their cars waving their discount card at Dave as soon as they see him. John Frink and his grandsons Alex and Michael were a familiar site to everyone at the tents along with Mickey Looker and Pete Lehman who offered up much of their time to work the chain saws with great skill.

Family Picnic

The annual family picnic will be held on February 8th at Tree Tops park from 12:00 - 5:00 pm. This event is held in conjunction with the Women's Club. All members are invited, this picnic is sponsored by your board members who will do all of the cooking for the membership. All immediate family members are invited and non-member guests are allowed for \$10/head.

Come join us, there will be activities for

the kids sponsored by the Women's Club and
lets see if Mark Kiar and Mike "Jersey"
Clark can defend their champion title in
Horseshoes.