

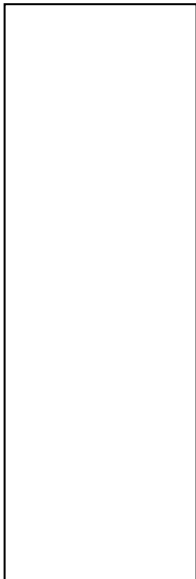


Saint David Men's Club

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Newsletter

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



Club Officers

Your officers for the 2007-2008 club year are:

President	Bob Balandis	954-473-0244
Vice President	Bill Greco	954-966-8050
Treasurer	Pete Schroeder	954-452-2083
Secretary	Kevin Murray	954-424-6652
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).

2008-2009 Club Elections

Election for the position of Vice-President will be held at our May meeting (Thursday May 1). Election will be held between Tom Fitzgerald and Al Leja to determine who will fill in Bill Greco's shoes as Bill steps up to the office of President for the upcoming year.

Mother's Day Prayer

God our creator, we come before you and lift up in prayer all mothers, grandmothers, stepmothers and mothers to be who gave the gift of life. We give you thanks for their presence, talents and gifts which they share in our church, society and world. May all mothers know of your loving and gentle presence and may they always turn towards you in times of joy, sorrow and glory. We ask this in your name. Amen.

Humor

While shopping in a food store, two nuns happened to pass by the beer, wine, and liquor section. One asked the other if she would like a beer. The second nun answered that, indeed, it would be very nice to have one, but that she would feel uncomfortable about purchasing it.

The first nun replied that she would handle that without a problem. She picked up a six-pack and took it to the cashier. The cashier had a surprised look, so the nun said, 'This is for washing our hair.'

Without blinking an eye, the cashier reached under the counter and put a package of pretzel sticks in the bag with the beer. 'The curlers are on me.'

A Student Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not flunk;
He keepeth me from lying down when I should be studying.
He leadeth me beside the water cooler for a study break;
He restores my faith in study guides.
He leads me to better study habits for my grades' sake,
Yea, tho' I walk thru the valley of borderline grades,
I will not have a nervous breakdown; for Thou art with me;
My prayers and my friends, they comfort me.
Thou givest me the answers in moments of blankness;
Thou anointest my head with understanding,
My test paper runneth over with questions I recognize.
Surely passing grades and flying colors
Shall follow me all the days of examinations,
And I shall not have to dwell in this school forever! Amen!

They have all sorts of new services today.
Now they've got a dial-a-prayer service for atheists.
You call a number and nobody answers.

A fellow comes home after his regular Saturday golf game and his wife asks why he doesn't include Tom O'Brien in the games anymore.

The husband asks, "Would you want to play with a guy who regularly cheats, swears up a storm over everything, lies about his score, and has nothing good to say about anyone else on the course?"

"Of course I wouldn't," replies the wife.

"Well," says the husband, "neither would Tom O'Brien."

May Sudoku Puzzle – Al Wiczorek

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

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

April Answer

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

Pancake Breakfast (Bob Balandis)

Our last Pancake Breakfast of the year, before heading into the summer months saw 51 plates of pancakes and sausages being served to the parishioners of Saint David. A total of \$153.00 was collected. Once again a big round of "thanks" goes out to Rick Clawson, Kevin Murray, John Frink, Fran Lixie, Jim Shuster and Jack Benham for lending a helping hand.

President's Report From Bob Balandis



I can't believe that 2 years have passed since you allowed me the opportunity and privilege to be "Captain" of the Saint David Men's Club. As my term of president comes to an end and my dented "Can of Spam" gavel goes into retirement, I would like to take this opportunity to thank my "crew" of Bill Greco, Pete Schroeder, Kevin Murray, Bob Salerno, Ed Matula and Vinny Marino for helping me keep this ship afloat and setting its course.

Over the past 2 years we have seen an increase in membership attendance at our monthly meetings. The Men's Club completed re-roofing and renovation of the gazebo and we have had successful Christmas tree sales, Ash Wednesday Fish Fry's and Golf Tournaments due to the hard work of its members. Our presence is felt at both the parish and school level with our support of the school's athletic programs, library fund, scholarship programs and church carnivals. We even purchased a "Steve Armstrong Defibrillator". New Horseshoe champions(Kiar/Clark) were crowned and our softball team brought back a championship and trophy. We sponsored a booth at the Chili Cook-Off 2008 and enjoyed a night of comedy at the Improv. At our meetings, we enjoyed Doug Blau's home cooked meals and consumed over 1000 bottles of adult beverages.

As our club continues to grow, we look forward to your continued support. Let us know if you have any suggestions or recommendations for making this club bigger and better. Thank you once again for all the support that you have shown me over these past 2 years and good luck and success to the New Board members of 2008-2009. Hope to see all of you at our next meeting on May 1st.

Bob

Frozen margaritas, ice cold Coronas and Mexican food will be on hand for our May 1st meeting in celebration of Cinco de Mayo. Pedro says, "come to our meeting and check it out!"

Casino Night (Bob Balandis)

Our Saint David Men's Club "Casino Night" has been scheduled for Saturday evening, June 7th from 6PM-11PM at the Parish hall. Try your luck with "Snake Eyes" Salerno, "Lucky Dice" Leja, "Full House" Frink, "Jackpot" Shuster and "Poker Face" Purkheiser at Blackjack, Texas Hold'em, 3-card poker, roulette or the Big Money wheel. Big Prizes (i-pod, digital camera, gift cards, etc.) are to be won at our raffle prize table.

We will be offering a buffet style dinner with "open bar". Cost of this event is \$25.00/person and is open to all men's club members and their spouse or guest. If you are interested in attending this event, please sign up at our next general meeting on May 1st or reserve your spot by sending your check to: Bob Balandis, 3111 Hidden Hollow Lane, Davie, FL 33328.

Don't miss out on this event that recognizes all the hard work of its members and the introduction of your New Board members for the upcoming year.

Memorial Tree (Bob Balandis)

The Saint David Men's Club has recently had a live oak memorial tree planted near the gazebo in remembrance of those club members who have recently passed away. A bronze plaque will be placed near the tree recognizing those members who dedicated their time and service to our club and parish. They will always be remembered in our prayers and thoughts.

Our Lady of Florida Retreat

The annual St. David Parish Men's Retreat was held the weekend of April 19th. There were 9 from our parish out of a total of 51 men that enjoyed a great weekend at Our Lady of Florida's Spiritual Center. The weather was perfect and the talks from Father Paul, Father Damian, Father Jack, Sister Roberta and Ellen were enlightening and encouraging to all. Next year I hope we can get at least a good baker's dozen to attend.

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

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

Gazebo Update

Tip your hat to Tom Fitzgerald the next time you see him. Tom's efforts have been outstanding and the Gazebo looks great. The efforts the club members have made selling Christmas Trees, November calendars and a lot of fish fries made this renovation possible. Thanks to all for your help across the years, your contributions have made this gift to our parish a reality. Stay tuned for more information regarding the upcoming re-dedication of the gazebo and memorial tree.

Summer Fishing Trip

The trip will be May 30-31 and June 1 (that's Friday night BBQ, fish all day Saturday, Saturday night dinner and Sunday breakfast) for the low price of \$210 per person (double occupancy). Hope you can make it, but register early, as it will be first come and first served. Bill reports that we may have our biggest group ever. Look forward to seeing you there.

Annual Golf Tournament

It's tee time again at the Plantation Preserve Golf Course on Saturday May 3 at 12:00 pm. Get your foursome together and start your practice rounds now. A registration form is available on-line on our website. (www.saintdavidmensclub.org). Green Fees are \$100.

All members are asked to contribute a bottle towards a basket of cheer to be auctioned off at the awards dinner. We are in need of donations for door prizes, please try and obtain promotional gifts (dinner coupons, hair cuts, oil changes, car washes, etc.) from local merchants with whom you do business.

Please contact Fran Lixie or Scott Lee for additional information regarding the tournament.

Member News

A big pat on the back and our congratulations goes out to Bill Greco who is getting married on Saturday May 3 to the lovely Laura Martin. Bill, we'll give you a pass this year on the Golf Tournament, but expect to see you and Laura back on the links next year.