



Saint David Men's Club

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November 2007 Newsletter

Calendar of Events

Oct 31	Halloween
Nov 01	General Meeting Parish Hal 8 pm November Calendars Due
Nov. 4	Pancake Breakfast 7-12l
Nov. 10	Christmas Tree Set-Up
Nov. 15	Board Meeting 7:30pm
Nov 1	Comedy Club Night at the Hard Rock
Nov 22	THANKSGIVING
Nov 23	Official of Start Christmas Tree Sales
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

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Club Officers

Your officers for the 2006-2007 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

It is with a sad heart that we wish to inform you of the passing of Al Leja's father Michael on Friday October 19th. Please keep Al and his family in your prayers.

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).

St. David School Dinner/Dance/Auction

The Saint David Men's Club has donated a 6 bottle wine basket to the "A Night Under The Stars" Dinner/Dance/Auction which is to be held on February 8th, 2008 at the Signature Grand. Proceeds benefit the Saint David Catholic School Enhancement Fund.

Prayer for All Souls Day

Lord God,
You are the glory of believers and the life of the just. Your Son redeemed us by dying and rising to life again. Since our departed brothers and sisters believed in the mystery of our resurrection, let them share the joys and blessings of the life to come. Amen

Humor

Why did Jesus go to Chinatown?
Because he loved Miso.

A college class was asked to write as short a story as possible. The story had to contain three elements: 1. religion; 2. sexuality; 3. mystery.

The only story to get an A+ read:
"Good God, I'm pregnant. I wonder who did it."

Q: What is a priest's favorite breakfast cereal?

A: "Praisin' Bran"

Senior Citizen Bumper Stickers

Quit worrying about your Health...It'll go away

I'm not old, I'm chronologically gifted.

Be nice to your children, they will choose your nursing home.

At my age, flowers scare me.

I'm so old that when I eat out, they ask me to pay up front.

I'm so old that my friends in heaven will think I didn't make it.

Retirement: Twice as much husband, half as much money.

It ain't the age, it's the darn mileage.

One good thing about Alzheimers, you get to meet new people everyday.

My wife always gives me sound advice. 99% sound...1% advice

Life may not be the party we hoped for, but while we are here we might as well dance!!!

November Sudoku Puzzle – Al Wieczorek

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

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

October Answer

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

Recent Men's Club Purchases

The Saint David Men's Club has recently purchased several "kitchen" items. These include a hand mixer(to replace the missing one that we used to mix pancake batter), a blender(for frozen drinks to be served at our functions) and a small microwave oven (to warm up food at our meetings). We are also in the process of altering our St. David Men's Club banner so that we can have it properly displayed in the parish hall at our meetings.

President's Report From Bob Balandis



The Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays are just around the corner. The smell of "pine needles" is in the air, which must mean that the Annual Saint David Christmas Tree Sale/Fund Raiser is about to start. Once again, this biggest fund raiser of the year would not be possible unless we had the support and endless hours of volunteering from our club members. Thank-you for making this event possible!

Now for some Club news. Our Saint David Men's Club banner is proudly displayed in the parish hall and we recently made some purchases of kitchen items(mixer, microwave and blender) to better serve our membership. Our social event for November is the Improv Comedy Club on Saturday the 17th starring Jake Johanssen. Showtime is 9PM. Limited tickets are still available at a cost of \$20.00/ticket. Our annual Christmas party is scheduled for December 14th in the parish hall and Wayne L has been booked to provide us with entertainment and hours of "bad karaoke".

Special thanks this month go out to Kevin Murray, who provides us with minutes of our meeting and an agenda, and to Rick Clawson for providing us with this newsletter publication. Your time and efforts have not gone unnoticed. Hope to see all of you at our next meeting on November 1st.
- Bob Balandis

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.

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

Our first pancake breakfast of the season was held on October 7th, and recent graduates from Pancake University (Kevin Murray, Marc Hubschman, John Frink, Thom Bambenek, Cris Fardelmann and Anthony Romaniello) were there to serve our special size "jumbo" pancakes. 59 pancake breakfasts were sold, bringing in \$177.00 to our treasury. Thanks go out to the entire pancake crew.

Special note: Ask Tom Fitzgerald about our pancakes. He had to bring back some of our "Barry Bond's Steroid Induced" pancakes due to their size.

Comedy Club Night

Come spend a "night of laughter" with the Saint David Men's Club on Saturday, November 17th at the Improv Comedy Club (Seminole Hard Rock Hotel). The comedian is Jake Johannsen who has appeared over 29 times on David Letterman and has had appearances on Conan O'Brien, Jay Leno and Johnny Carson. Showtime is 9PM. 16 tickets have been reserved and are available on a first come/first serve basis. Cost of each ticket is \$20.00. There is a 2 drink minimum. We would need to meet in front of the Comedy Club no later than 8:30PM so that we can enter together and be seated as a group. Tickets to this event are selling fast. If interested in attending, please contact Bob Balandis at 954-473-0244 for tickets or additional information.

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. All we ask is that you bring a covered dish for our food table. Try your luck at our raffle prize table. 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.

Fishing Weekend Report (by Bill Cull)

Our most recent fishing weekend was held October 5-7 in Everglades City. A total of 34 guys showed up including Thom Bambenek for his first visit (thanks for all the help cleaning up on Saturday). The weather was good, but windy. A \$200 calcutta was raised for big snook, big red fish and big snapper. No slot sized snook were brought to the dock and Team Gemco won the Big Red with a 22 ½ inch fish, while Chuck Stevens brought in the big snapper at 14 ¼ inches. Several boats caught sharks bigger than 4 foot long (Makes you want to go swimming doesn't it!!)

Everyone at the trip won a door prize thanks to Kevin Drake at Teco Energy and Chuck Stevens of Outdoor World of Ft. Myers for their generous contributions. The 25/25/25/25 raffle totaled a record \$660 and was won by Bob Bergin, Bob Bergin and Eric Grandpa (apparently Bob Bergin was playing the role of the Fitzgeralds this year).

Bob and Debbie Bergin spent the day photographing all of the boats and provided the photos to take home at the Saturday dinner. Thanks Bob for some nice work.

Special thanks also go out to Dennis Staruch for his help setting up, and cooking on Friday. As always Carter Clough cooked an outstanding batch of his legendary ribs and some fantastic sausage and peppers that didn't last long at all. Our box lunch was also first rate as Bob Grandpa pulled out-all-the-stops in a great sandwich and snack pack that went out with each fisherman. Our next trip will be in late spring or early summer, Hope to see you there!



Al Leja and Scott Lee aboard the "Holy Mackerel"