



# Brit Club News

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Sarasota British Club, P. O. Box 21063, Sarasota, FL 34276

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## Coming Events

**T**he SBC Board Meeting will be held on **Thursday 9th February** at the Village des Pins clubhouse, 7964 Timberwood Circle, Sarasota @ 6:30pm. Members welcome.

**P**resident's Party, **Sunday February 12th.** See Page 4.

**S**arasota Ballet Backstage Tour  
Join us for a behind the scenes guided tour on St. Valentine's Day, Tuesday, February 14, 2017. We will observe the skill, athleticism, and artistry of the dancers and the imagination and craftsmanship of the costume makers.

The tour is *complimentary* and takes place at the Florida State University (FSU) Center for the Performing Arts on the site of the Ringling Museum and home of the Asolo Repertory Theatre. The address is 5555 North Tamiami Trail (Rt 41) in Sarasota.

Visit <https://www.sarasotaballet.org>

**Group size is limited to 16 persons.** Arrival time is suggested to be not later than **9:30am** as **the tour starts promptly at 9:45am** and lasts approximately one-and-a-half hours.

Please contact the Event Coordinator, Mark Malkasian at [mdmalk@icloud.com](mailto:mdmalk@icloud.com) or (941) 445-2890 to confirm attendance by not later than Sunday, February 5, 2017.

In addition to indicating your wish to attend, please indicate if you wish to join the group for an apres-tour lunch at the very nearby (walkable) "Muse" at the Ringling Visitors' Center.

<http://www.opentable.com/muse-at-the-ringling> starting at 11:30.

*Mark Malkasian*

**K**ayak Adventure Coming in March  
This is a heads up for a kayak trip being planned on a weekday between March 27 and 31, 2017 – if the Tidal Gods allow. Launch point and lunch details are TBD. Seats are limited to 17 folks in 11 single kayaks and three tandems/doubles so consider booking early. All the essential details will follow in the March newsletter. Contact the Event Coordinator, Mark Malkasian by email [marqmalk@gmail.com](mailto:marqmalk@gmail.com) or (941) 445-2890.

**T**ampa Bay Downs Horse Racing in April

**Sunday April 2, 2016**

\$50.00 per person for Champagne Brunch and transportation .

Steve Adams has once again volunteered to arrange the trip. Please contact Steve for questions or reservations [sha@adamsiac.com](mailto:sha@adamsiac.com) or 941-524-9410

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### Coming Events

- Sarasota Ballet Backstage Tour in February
- President's Party in February—Page 4
- Kayaking in March
- Tampa Bay Downs in April

## President's Letter

Well isn't it nice being here in Sarasota in February and not freezing 'up North'? Do I miss anything from my life in the northern climes? Not really, most of my friends have moved on to warmer or more interesting locations and my only grandchild (Dominick) who lives in Illinois will be off to college this Fall so there really is no-one to miss. And I am fortunate to have some old Chicago friends here in Sarasota – not that they are OLD, I should say long time friends. It is so nice to have someone who has known you for 30+ years living just around the corner.

Ross and I recently went with some friends to the Florida Studio Theater to see Million Dollar Quartet and what a fantastic performance it was. We came out of the theater just rocking and I feel I could see the show over and over and not get bored. What was truly marvelous was to be able to walk down the street in summer clothes to our car that was parked on the street just a few yards away. We are very lucky to have so many entertainment venues in and around Sarasota and all the shows I have seen have been wonderful. Having lived in the Chicago area for so many years, an evening at the theater was such a different experience, cold weather, \$150 per seat tickets, quite some distance to the parking lot, and of course having the pleasure of paying the parking tab! No, Broadway or Chicago may be the crème de la crème but I'm happy with FST, Players or the Venice Little Theater.

In February I am off to visit my family in Australia for a few weeks and although I am really looking forward to seeing them I am not exactly looking forward to the journey there and back. Thank goodness for a Kindle and iPad. I have been doing this on a regular basis since I was about 20 (just a few years ago) and it doesn't get any easier. My 2 sisters and families took advantage of the ten quid deal to Australia back in the day and have lived happily there ever since and even my Mum joined them. Ross was offered a transfer to Canada and I seem to remember thinking "well if it doesn't work out in Canada we'll just go to Australia.", it was easy in those days, no visa problems or anything. But it did work out in Canada and subsequently the U.S. so here we stayed but I do wish my sisters were closer.

Our newsletter editor Brian Thompson is taking a well earned break and will not be editor after 2017 so we



need a member to take on the job. Please consider this, we all enjoy the monthly newsletter and it cannot come your way unless someone produces and mails it. Ideally two people could share the job. Please let me know if you are willing to step up.

I hope to see many of you at the President's Cocktail Party on February 12<sup>th</sup>.

*Jane Jacobs*



## Précis of January Board Meeting

The bank balance as of December 31st, 2016 was \$4,315.59. Net gain from the Christmas Party was \$1,500. Number of members is 191 (164 family and 27 singles).

The Association is going to store all photography in a G-Mail account. Brian has indicated he does not want to continue doing the Newsletter beyond the end of this year.

Old Business - The Christmas Party was deemed a great success. The same venue has been rebooked for December 9th, 2017. The lunch at Flavors of India on 27th January is almost sold out. A venue is yet to be decided for the President's Cocktail Party on 12th February. There is no further news about the evening Le Barge cruise. There are currently 7 people signed up for the Sarasota Ballet on 14th February. There is no further news on the Tampa Bay Downs outing on 2nd April.

New Business - a Murder Mystery is in the works - more information to follow. The Board is in contact with Doug Schuler regarding a talk on bees possibly in May. Discussion is being held about a New Members' Tea. The next meeting of the Board will be at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, 9th February at Village des Pins Clubhouse.

Submitted by *Sally Scott*



<b>Thanks to SBC members who donated to the Christmas Party Raffle Baskets:</b>	Glenys Oldham John and Vivienne Jefferies Sharon Gould Jim and Tina Smith Jeremy Adams Neil Haberman Beryl and Alan Perry Pat Brands Shona Burtner Maggie Hughes
Sally and Roger Scott	Jeremy Adams
Jane and Brian Thompson	Neil Haberman
Penny Mulak	Beryl and Alan Perry
Paul and Diana Wilkinson	Pat Brands
Jean and Mark Malkasian	Shona Burtner
Sandra Cherry	Maggie Hughes
Gary and Jane Lee	

## Club Photos

I'm gradually adding more links to this list. Note that apart from downloading individual photos at (hopefully) a good resolution, you can download the whole album. Click on the 3 vertical dots in the top right corner and select 'Download all'. To select one or more photos, click on the top left corner of each photo so you see a check mark, then when you click on the 3 vertical dots, the option to 'Download' will be just for those choices.

### Christmas Party 2016

<http://tinyurl.com/zevh25g>

### Christmas 2016 Charity Donation

<http://tinyurl.com/jsjeepg>

### Walk to end Alzheimer's November 2016

<http://tinyurl.com/jt2b97e>

### Guy Fawkes 2016

<http://tinyurl.com/hefcj3n>

### Miguel's October 2016

<http://tinyurl.com/zhtt5oy>

### Visit to Van Wezel—May 2016

<http://tinyurl.com/hkxj4xb>

### Afternoon Tea on 23rd Sept 2016

<http://tinyurl.com/htw7k7b>

### Ladies' Evening March 2011

<https://goo.gl/photos/hc7gM8675VHYH9Uw8>

### February 2016 mini-golf

<http://tinyurl.com/jkzhxpz>

### Guy Fawkes 2012

<https://goo.gl/photos/C2NDPEZ9fUzeJSoq7>

### 2012 Xmas Party

<http://tinyurl.com/jbep48m>

### 2013 Xmas Party

<http://tinyurl.com/zky3ba8>

### 2014 Xmas Party

<http://tinyurl.com/zqjgn3u>

### 2015 Xmas Party

<http://tinyurl.com/j79pb2u>

### Historic Spanish Point 2013

<http://tinyurl.com/jd5q4x4>

Please let me know if any of the links fail and if you can add more albums to the list.

If you have taken Club event photos in the past, are they in an online account that you can share?

**Brian Thompson** [lakewood2@gmail.com](mailto:lakewood2@gmail.com)



“A wise man can learn more from a foolish question than a fool can learn from a wise answer.”

— Bruce Lee



## FOR GOLFERS and EPISCOPALIANS— A SARASOTA HISTORICAL TIDBIT

In 1885 a Scots colony was established in Sarasota which became the home of soldier, land developer, and business man, Colonel John Hamilton Gillespie from Edinburgh. In two years he built a hotel, and a church and by 1902 became the first mayor. As an avid golfer, having learned the game at St Andrews, among his early achievements was the construction in May 1886 of the first golf course in Florida and only the second in the U.S. It was initially two holes on his property followed in 1905 by his nine-hole course on property that is now the site of the Sarasota County Courthouse. He went on to lay out courses in Tampa, Winter Park and Havana, Cuba.

Col. Gillespie was subsequently elected to five additional one-year mayoral terms. He is credited as being a founder of the local library, and upon his ordainment as a Deacon, being instrumental in founding the Episcopal Church in Sarasota and is acknowledged as the founder of The Church of the Redeemer, Sarasota.

*Mark Malkasian*

Club Member John Drinkell of the UPS Store at 5020 Clark Rd, Sarasota, FL 34233 prints and mails newsletters.

**R**eminder The Club's website [www.sarasotabritishclub.com](http://www.sarasotabritishclub.com) is our primary means of attracting potential new members. We look to current members to be our ambassadors familiar with our message and sharing it with those who might be interested in joining. Thank you.

Under 'Events' on the menu you can find the current newsletter and the newsletter archive.

## President's Welcome – Sunday February 12

5:00pm – 9:00pm

Please welcome our new President, Jane Jacobs, at The Meadows Village Pub. Your first drink is on us! Entertainment will be provided at this cozy venue, and a limited menu will be offered.

5013 Ringwood Meadows, Sarasota 34235

Located off Honore Ave and Taywood Meadow. south of University Parkway and north of Fruitville. Just 5 minutes from the University Town Center Mall.

From University Parkway: Turn South on Honore Ave. toward Sarasota. Pass 2 traffic lights. Third light (Taywood Meadow) make right turn, go around the circle and go straight. Look for white picket fence. See you soon!

Space is limited, **MUST RSVP** to Paul Wilkinson to secure a place

[pwilkinson18@comcast.net](mailto:pwilkinson18@comcast.net)

Don't forget that the Sarasota British Club is on Facebook. The Club's logo is the profile picture.

Check out the numerous photos from recent events. Why not 'friend' us for another way of keeping in touch with the Club and its members. Why not add your event photos to the 'wall'.



Exchange Rates from Moneycorp.com on 24th January.

From		To		Rate
	GBP		USD	1.2466
	EUR		USD	1.0746

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