



BritClub News

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COMING EVENTS

SBC BOARD MEETING

Next meeting will be WEDNESDAY, January 10th. Village Des Pins Clubhouse: 7964 Timberwood Circle, Sarasota @ 6:30 pm. Guests welcome (*please let us know you are coming!*)

January 18th

A History and Return of the Electric Vehicle

Places still available

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January 26th

January Luncheon

Our January Lunch will be at the "British Open Pub" located at 367 Jacaranda Boulevard, Venice.

Pony up to the neighborhood bar where you are sure to feel at home. The fare includes British favorites, fish and chips, cottage pie, pub grub and for the less discerning Angus Burgers, chicken wings etc.! With 15 draft beers everyone is sure to find what they've been craving.

Please send an email to Vivienne Sivak viviennesivak@msn.com or phone 941 251-7494 with your reservation to this event.

March 8th – 11th (date tbd)

Arcadia Rodeo

Information to follow soon

April 15th

Tampa Bay Downs

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April/May

Toad Rally

Information to follow soon

Coming Soon!

Kayak Trip

Murder Mystery Evening

STAY UP TO DATE

To keep up to date on other activities and events throughout the local British community please visit the Links Page of our website www.sarasotabritishclub.com

PRESIDENT'S LETTER



First, let me wish you all a very Happy New Year. Seems not that long ago we were all celebrating the turn of the century, the 'millennium', how time flies.

What a great Christmas Party we had in December, everything seemed to come together like clockwork and although it would be nice to take all the credit for the success of the party, the whole evening took a lot of planning and hard work by the whole team. Thank-you all so much. Special kudos to Father Christmas, Rudolph and the Reindeer, you all pranced magnificently and the reindeer wine delivery was executed flawlessly! Also thank you to my husband Ross for his skill converting the Club's cart into a sleigh.

Congratulations to Maggie (Hughes) and Tony Ashby on their recent wedding but unfortunately for us it means Maggie will no longer be able to serve on our Board. On the plus side, Steve Pankhurst has stepped in to take Maggie's place as 2018 Newsletter Editor. Thank-you Steve.

Your Board recently met and are considering ideas for 2018 events. It is always a challenge to think of new events but we have come up with a few. If you have any suggestions for events please let me know. Even better if you would be willing to organize the event. We also have a Royal Wedding coming up on May 19th so we have some ideas for a party to celebrate this wonderful day. More on this closer to the date.

Hope to see you soon at a Brit Club event.

Jane

You will have noticed the new newsletter format thanks to Steve Pankhurst our new editor. On behalf of all SBC members I would like to thank Brian Thompson for all the time he has spent producing this publication for many years. Brian, you have researched and added many interesting tidbits of news and entertainment all of which takes a lot of time and effort and for which we sincerely thank you. Enjoy your "retirement" and spending more time with your family, especially the grandchild(ren).

PRÉCIS OF DECEMBER 13, 2017 BOARD MEETING

The current bank balance after expenses for the Christmas Party, Liability Insurance and cost of the P.O. Box for 2018. was \$3,553.16. The Christmas Party made a profit of \$659.50 although the sale of raffle tickets was down from last year by approx. \$200.

The December 9th Christmas Party was voted a great success with it being agreed the decorations, food presentation and quality, service and entertainment all being superior to last year.

The January Luncheon will be at The British Open in Venice on 26th January

A presentation will be made by Mark Malkasian on the **history and return of the electric vehicle** at the Village de Pins Clubhouse at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 18th. In the works are: a **Murder Mystery**; the postponed **Road Rally** and the annual outing to **Tampa Bay Downs**, which has now been given the date of April 15th.. Further suggestions for next year are a **Valentine's Day Dance** , a **Kayak Trip** and the **Arcadia Rodeo**, which takes place March 8-11. More Information will be forthcoming.

The Board made a motion, (which was seconded and unanimously approved) regarding attendance of events by members who had not paid to attend. This new policy will be published in the next Newsletter. The Board also made a motion, (which was seconded and approved by a majority vote) not to sing either of the National Anthems at any of the Club's events.

The next meeting of the Board will be at 6:30 p.m. on January 10th, 2018. Please let a Board Member know if you would like to attend.

Sally Scott

Secretary

Sarasota British Club Event Policy

Any member who plans to attend an SBC event must RESERVE and PAY by the deadline date.

Please honor the Club's policy and do not just turn up without a reservation especially if informed the event is fully subscribed. If an event has a cost attached,

you and any guests are required to pay in full for the event.

COMING EVENTS – DETAILS

A LIFE EXPERIENCE EXCHANGE!

Subject: The Road to Resurgence

A History and the Return of the Electric Vehicle

Date: Thursday, January 18, 2018

Time: 10am

Place: Village des Pins Clubhouse: 7964 Timberwood Circle (off Beneva Rd.) Sarasota

SPACE LIMITATION: 20

Open Menu meal to follow at the nearby First Watch Breakfast Restaurant (approx. 11:30am)

Presentation Summary

Presentation Time: 40-45 minutes

Q & A to follow

A Club member and electric vehicle owner-enthusiast traces the history of the EV through several rises and falls from the turn of the 19th century to the present day. The chronological journey offers insights into the earliest motorized 'contraptions', the first 'steamers', 'combustions' and 'crude electrics'; the impact of the Ford Model T on the early EV movement and the roles that batteries and the AC motor play in advancing electric mobility.

The story recounts the intrigues behind the "War of the Currents" between Thomas Edison (DC) and Nikola Tesla (AC) and the strange, short life of GM's "Cult Car", the EV1 — why it was killed and who-by — and the subsequent arrival of the foreign hybrids and their US rivals.

An introduction to the infrastructure used to charge EVs both at home and on the road prefaces a summary of the **five** issues the Presenter believes will influence the future success of EVs: **A**dvocacy, **A**wareness of Environmental Impacts, **A**dvances in Technology, **A**lternative Transport Modes and **A**cceptance by the Mainstream.

Approx. 50 slides and liberal use of animations and sound effects enliven the spoken narrative.

Presenter: Mark Malkasian, P.E., Osprey, FL • (941) 445-2890

TO RESERVE YOUR SEAT: Contact Mark, the Event Coordinator & Presenter at marqmalk@gmail.com or 941-445-2890. Please indicate if you wish to join us at First Watch.

Special Note: If there are any Club members currently driving an electric vehicle maybe we can offer a car show after eating.

A Day at the Races!

Please join us on our 4th annual outing to Tampa Bay Downs on **Sunday April 15.**

As we have in the past, a coach will pick up in Sarasota and Bradenton to take the Party to the Race Course. We will be treated to an 'all you can eat' Champagne buffet lunch in the Sky Box, followed by an afternoon of racing.

We have held the price the same as the last two years, \$50 per person. Please contact Steve Adams to reserve your place.

Members only at this time (we may open to non-members later if space permits)

sha@adamsiac.com or call 941-524- 9410.

Payment details and pickup times will follow next month.



VIEWING SUGGESTIONS

Britbox – A new BBC channel on Amazon Prime

Many members have commented on the classic British shows on Acorn, a streaming video channel. While Acorn specializes in classic TV, Britbox has current shows as well as classics, and may be of interest to members looking for Dramas, Mysteries and films.

The easiest way to get Britbox is to add the channel to your Amazon Prime video service. At \$6.99 per month it is pretty good value.

For more information, contact Paul Wilkinson; pwilkinson18@comcast.net or 410 990 4698

2017 CHRISTMAS PARTY



I have received several messages via email and in person from members saying what a great time they had at our Christmas Party this year, many saying it was the best Christmas Party they had attended. We have tried to have a little surprise for you every year and this year I think our team planned this perfectly. I can't wait to see what they come up with for next year! Heritage Oaks seemed 'different' somehow, more welcoming, the clubhouse entrance was so beautifully decorated. I have thanked to Greg Hurst and his team for the outstanding job they did for us this year. (and reserved a date for 2018)

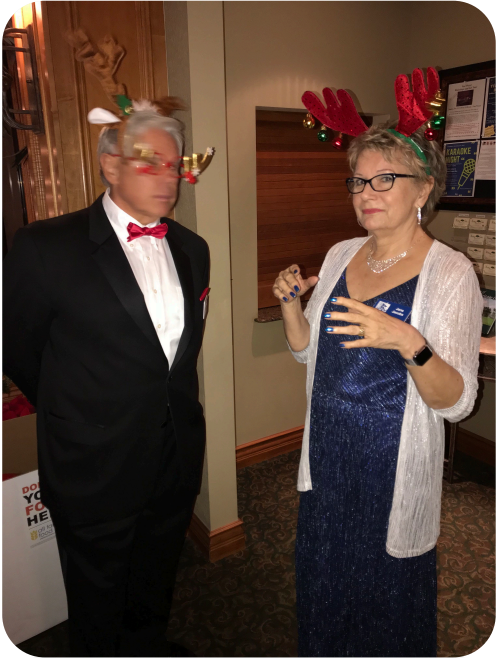
Thank-you, thank-you, thank-you to all our members who so generously donated items for our Christmas Raffle baskets. I hope you will excuse me by not mentioning everyone by name but it is a long list (and my memory is not functioning at full speed right now). Without your support, we would not be able offer such a wonderful display on the raffle table. Thank you to our planning team members Sally, Shona, Maggie, Sandra, Penny and Diana, it is true many hands make light work. Our wrapping 'party' is always fun even though some of us (me) just sit back and make the tea!

Thank-you Sharon Gould and friends for doing such a wonderful job on the raffle allowing me to sit back, relax and enjoy. Maybe next time you can arrange to pick one of my tickets?

And our 'piece de resistance', Father Christmas, Rudolph and the Reindeer. Thank-you Andy for playing Father Christmas yet again, Paul your blinking nose and antlers were just perfect and Reindeer Maggie, Sharon, Glenys and Shona, you pranced to perfection. A magical performance! And thank-you Ross for your sleigh construction skills, a dying art I am sure.

It is good to know everyone enjoyed the wine and its unique delivery service! It is nice to be in a position to show our appreciation to our club members.

Finally thank-you to Tony and Tasha for providing such great entertainment, I believe we have already booked them for a repeat performance in 2018











Thank you Doug Schuler for the excellent photos!

Sarasota British Club name badges

Please obtain Club badges directly from Sarasota Trophy, 6601 Superior Ave, Sarasota, FL 34321. Phone 941 921 4339.

\$8 plus 56c tax for badge with magnet

\$6 plus 42c tax for badge with pin (no magnet)

Badges can be collected in person (M – F 8.30 – 5pm, Sat 9am – noon) or shipped to your home for \$3.75.

Sarasota British Club Board of Directors for 2018

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