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June, 2012

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Coming Events

Board Meeting —Thursday June 14th @6:30 p.m. at the home of Shona Burtner .. Members welcome but please call ahead, see Page 16, as space is limited.

Queens Diamond Jubilee —Saturday June 2nd; Calling all Brits for this great occasion ...60 years on the throne and still doing duties and looking wonderful. It is our duty as Her Majesty's subjects to come out in force to show our patriotic love to our Queen and Country. On Saturday June 2nd between 4.30pm to 7pm, The Polo Grill Lakewood Ranch is offering us a chance to gather together...bring your friends, family and pass the word to anyone that is British that would like to be with other Brits on this very special day. All drinks will be 'Happy Hour' prices wine \$3.50, lager \$2.50; martinis or cocktails \$4.50. Bar meal at \$5 plus 6 different choices of pizza for \$10 are also at the Happy Hour prices. Come fly the flag for our Sovereign's Diamond Jubilee

Club Tour of Two Asolo Repertory Theatres at the Ringling — Thursday, 7 June. See Page 15

Art Gallery Visit— Tuesday 10th July at 10.30am, A trip for members to the Raymond James art collection in St.Petersburg . There is no charge to see

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From here you will find local information, Club news, coming events, photos from past events and many past newsletters .

a wonderful collection of **RAYMOND JAMES**® paintings and sculptures, generally by living American artists.. Some of the featured works include Andy Warhol, Roy Lichtenstein, and Salvador Dali. This is a personal narrated 1 hour tour.

On the return journey, for those interested, a lunch at the Moon Under Water, a 'British Colonial Tavern' on St.Pete bayfront. The menu which has been tested by club members, includes British favourites from Bangers & Mash to curries. See www.themoonunderwater.com. The cut-off date is **30th June**, Contact me, Brian Thompson at lakewood2@gmail.com or phone (941)388-8018. I will try to arrange 'car share' from the list of names.



An Evening in Venice at 'Sharky's on the Pier'—Thursday July 19th at 7pm Details on Page 3

A Tour of the SNN Television Studios and Herald Tribune Newspaper offices —August 16th at 11 am . Details on Page 3

Letter from President Sue Ford



To all you Manchester City fans 'Congratulations', I'm sure all UK football fans were celebrating in true British form over their win. I know that I for one, jumped out of my chair when that last goal for the game went into the net. Spurs, my team, is 4th in the Premier League with Arsenal ahead of them in 3rd place. Not good but come the day, Spurs will thrash Arsenal. If we have a keen football fan in the club that would like to write a column in our newsletter each month we would be very pleased to hear from you.

The 2012 annual membership dues are coming in with just a few outstanding. We have had 56 new members join the club since September 2011, an incredible number. To our new members, if you would like to send in an editorial on your business or a story about yourself we would be very pleased to place your article in our newsletter. Our current membership is 255 members and it all began in 2000 when several people attended the first meeting at Tastefully British Tea Rooms, then owned by our Founder, Sandra Cherry. Many who attended that meeting are still members today. The club has moved on a long way since those early days and it is up to us all to continue to grow and play an active role in our social and Board events. This year we will be looking to members to serve on the 2013 Board of Directors as many of our current Board will be stepping down – some of them after 7-9 years serving on the Board in various roles. Please consider stepping forward to serve. Our June event is of course the Queen's Jubilee celebration. By the time this newsletter arrives in your mailbox we will have already celebrated in true British form. I hope you all felt patriotic and came with flags flying.

Bless you all

Sue Ford

As a result of having my email address 'hijacked' it has been changed, see back page listings.

CALL FOR CANDIDATES FOR THE 2013 BOARD

As we approach mid-year, it's time to begin assembling a slate of candidates for next year's SBC Board to be elected at our AGM scheduled for mid-October. We have many wonderful talents and interests within our membership. Share yours with the Club by standing for a Board position. All organizations stand to benefit and grow stronger by the infusion of new ideas and creative energies brought to leadership positions. For the Club, this extends as well to ideas for, and planning of, new and interesting social events. The Board positions are: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Membership Director, Public Relations Director, Newsletter Editor, Director at Large. Don't hide your light under a bushel—do make yourself known by contacting Gary Lee (glee01@verizon.net or 941-706-1172).

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The 'official' Magazine for Florida Ex-pat Brits.

The free online magazine 'The Florida Standard' is available at www.thefloridastandard.com. The current and past issues are readily available from their home page. The March 2012 edition has a recipe for Coronation Chicken and UK plans to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. We have let them know about our plans to celebrate the Royal Jubilee. Hopefully they will spread the word about our Club.

I notice that the site is building up information for British businesses—an opportunity for local companies to be better known state wide?

Precised Minutes Sarasota British Club Board Meeting, May 10th, 2012

Meeting held at the home of Richard and Kath Curtin. Currently 272 members. Our balance in the treasury is \$7,917.70. Twenty four persons attended the Royal Anniversary Tea at Tastefully British in Gulf Gate. The Full Monty theater night was said to be a great evening and a very funny show. Games Night at Lakeshore Village is all ready to take place on May 12th. The Queen's Diamond Jubilee at The Polo Grill in Lakewood Ranch is all set for us to attend on June 2nd. The Asolo Theater tour has twelve persons and counting for an enjoyable day with lunch after the tour. The Raymond James art gallery tour with lunch to follow in St. Petersburg is all set for July. The Memorial Day Service will take place in Arcadia with a ceremony and lunch. Future events include a brunch at the Venice Yacht Club in August; a 'Fish and Chips' night at Beckhams; a tour of the local TV station, SNN/Herald Tribune Building in August; a dinner at Sharkey's on the Pier in Venice; and a future ladies luncheon with a speaker at Stoneybrook. New badges are now available for members by emailing Doug Schuler, Vice President.

Submitted by Mary L. Shelley, recording secretary

Membership Renewals:

Thank you to all members who have sent in their membership renewals for 2012. We have a few outstanding and I would ask that if you do plan to renew this year to please send in your dues as soon as possible. Please email Kath Curtin if you have any questions at kathrmcurt@msn.com.

Tour of The Mertz and Cook Theatres at the Ringling—Thursday, 7 June—11 a.m. Note: No charge for tour; but a donation to of \$5 pp to go to the Asolo Rep would be greatly appreciated. Optional Lunch--Treviso inside the Ringling Visitors' Center

Make plans now to join the Club's tour of the Mertz and Cook Theatres at the Florida State University Center of the Cultural Arts at the Ringling Museum complex. The Mertz is Florida's premier repertory theatre and among the top professional theatres in the Southeastern U.S. If you have never seen The Mertz, you're in for a treat as it's a jewel of a theatre. This elegant 500 seat venue was originally built as the Dunfermline Opera House in Scotland at the turn of the 20th century. When demolished in the 1980's, the interior thankfully was rescued; shipped to Sarasota; and restored to its original façade and renamed The Mertz Theatre in honor of a very generous donor. The Cook is a smaller theatre and used primarily to produce plays that showcase actors in training at the prestigious FSU Drama School. The tour of both onstage and backstage facilities takes approximately 45 minutes. Plan to arrive by 10:45 a.m. at the inside lobby of the FSU Center of the Cultural Arts to assemble and meet your tour leader(s). For those interested, join other Club members for lunch at your own cost at the Treviso inside the Ringling Visitors Center. For information and reservations : Gary Lee (941-706-1172 or glee01@verizon.net).



Mertz Theatre

Locations to Hold Our Events

We put out a call to all members who could offer their clubhouse as a location for a Sarasota British Club (SBC) events, and members have generously responded. So... A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE INDIVIDUALS. The Board will be busily organizing and coordinating events for those locations at our monthly meetings—we'll keep you posted. This keeps our events affordable to all members, and adds diversity for our get-togethers. The SBC will cover overhead charges, and our members generously volunteer to help with the set-up and clean-up. If other members can offer their clubhouse, please contact sueford47@yahoo.com with suitable dates and locations. Thank you for your support.



BUSINESS GLIMPSES: We would like to hear from our members who have found their business niche in and around Sarasota. If you would like to write to us, we'd enjoy catching a glimpse of your business enterprise in our local economy. Your article can be sent to lakewood2@gmail.com, and we will select one 'Business Glimpse' each month.



The Club would like to thank the following merchants for their cooperation in spreading the good word about our Club by allowing the *BritClub News* to be distributed in their premises: **Word of Mouth (3), Champions Pub, Tastefully British, 4 & 20 Pasty Company, The Open Pub & Restaurant, The King George Pub, Beckham's, The White Horse Pub, McAllister's, Scot's Corner, British Open Pub & Restaurant of Venice, Bentley's Resort Hotel, Scrambles, Ezpiez, Yellow Strawberry Salon (LWR), Simon's Coffee House.**



LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE

Did you know?
The Club has a "Sunshine Club" which will send a greeting to a member when we hear of a special happy, sad or momentous event in their lives. Please let us know of such events, contact Mary Shelley, her details are on Page 16.

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'.



An Evening in Venice at 'Sharky's on the Pier'

Thursday July 19th at 7pm



When dining at Sharky's...sometime during the evening, pause for a moment .. gaze across the blue waters as the evening sunbeams dance across the azure and know this is just where you want to be..savour your food..sip your wine .. and say to yourself ..."This is why we live here" ..for truly we live in a wonderful place. And we..The SBC will be dining there on Thursday July 19th at 7pm and all are welcome. Thursday night is Lobster Night.. Lobster Pots for two are available each containing a one and quarter pound lobster same quantity crabs legs + mussels/clams/shrimps and plenty of veg.. The Main Menu ..which has more choices than you can poke a stick at, is also available with prices to suit all pockets. Afterwards walk across the pier..hold hands and give your loved one a kiss.. stare into the forever..and feel the fleeting touch of youth once more. Lastly the usual word of warning ..If the above romantic scenario for you turns into a real time romance the SBC is not responsible for all the sundry troubles love and romance will certainly get you into. Also there is plenty of parking As we have to have numbers to give to Sharky's management ..please let Mary Shelley know at dhydrangeal@aol.com or 941 244 2288 the likely numbers of your party. Sharky's full address is:- Sharky's on the Pier, 1600 South Harbor Drive Venice 34284



We are in the News...
A Tour of the SNN Television Studios and Herald Tribune Newspaper offices which are situated on Main Street Sarasota will take place on August 16th at 11 am..The tour will last approximately one hour and will be followed by lunch at a mutually agreed venue on Main Street., those who are overcome with excitement at meeting Justin Mosely will be excused and sent home..



Unfortunately we are limited to only fifteen persons so it will be on a first come first served basis who gets to go..The better news is that more tours are in the pipeline for later in the year..depending upon interest levels.. The Tour is free..The restaurant unlikely to be so.. Please book your reservation by contacting Mary Shelley, SBC secretary by email at dhydrangeal@aol.com..or by calling 941 244 2288

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Currency Update for May 2012

RIDING THE STERLING ROLLER-COASTER

With 20 month highs, sterling has slipped back into its comfort zone. With a high of 1.6261 on May 1st the month started off with high hopes, for 16 days, they stayed high... However the rally was short lived as the value began to slip on May 17th. The low at 1.5790 on the 23rd of May along with the UK economic growth revised down to 0.8% from 1.2% and inflation above 2%, it seems the pound may settle in the all too familiar 1.56-1.58 range once more. Lower unemployment rates in April and a narrowed trade deficit offer good news and will hopefully keep sterling at the high end of the range.

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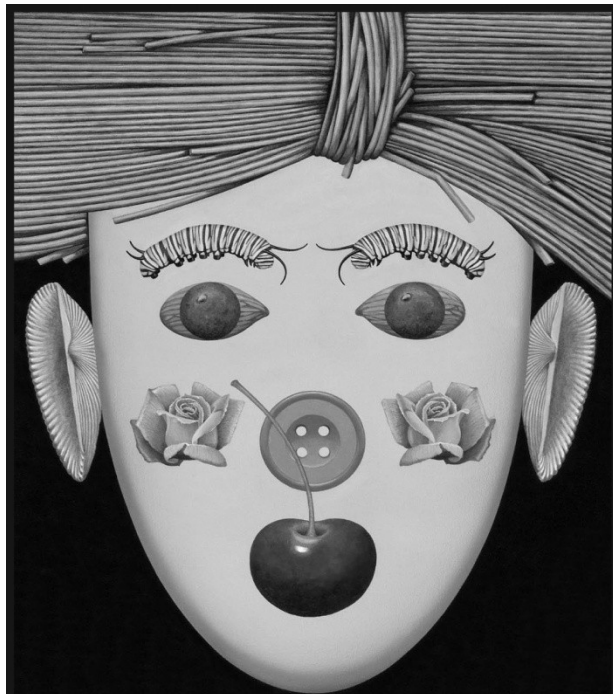
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Past Event—The 'Full Monty'

Oh, what fun we had - an evening of laughter from start to finish. We enjoyed a delicious meal at Libby's - thanks to Shona for suggesting the venue & thanks to Doug for being our personal driver between restaurant & theater. Not forgetting Gary & Jane who were our personal "meet & greeters," who welcomed us on arrival at the theater.

The musical version is of course different to the movie as it is set in Buffalo NY, but the fun was there in every way & provided an evening of laughter. The Club would welcome any suggestions from members for entertainment that would be of interest to others. Please contact any of the Board members who will be pleased to hear from you & will give advice/help with how to organize a future event.

Jane Thompson

On your PC

Your PC may be performing slower than normal, one reason for this is that you may have 'malware' running behind the scenes. Malware covers a multitude of sins from adware that tries to attract your attention frequently to keyloggers which can attempt to record your actions with a view to identity theft.

How to fight back—

Protect yourself with a security suite. The best include Norton Internet Security Suite but there are others for free. AVG has a free anti-virus program which is highly regarded. See AVG.com. Back this up with a free firewall, one example is the one offered by Comodo.com. Javacoolsoftware.com offers SpywareBlaster which is 'free' for personal & educational use. I found that in fact it is \$14.95 unless you sign up to one of their partners eg. Netflix.

Please let me know if you have used other free anti-malware or other software which you can recommend.

Brian Thompson



RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Jubilee Chicken

I thought I would feature my Jubilee chicken recipe from the Golden Jubilee to help celebrate the Queen's 60th year, how awesome. (I have also featured the original Coronation Chicken recipe in my June column for the Union Jack, which can be pulled up in the UnionJackBlab.com)

4 Boneless skinless chicken breasts
4 spring onions, peeled and finely chopped
Salt and pepper
2 Tbsp olive oil
Grated nutmeg
1/4 cup sour cream
2 Tbsp olive oil
1/4 cup mayonnaise
Parsley
1/4 cup Heinz Salad cream
2 Limes
2 inch piece of fresh ginger
1 1/4 inch piece of fresh ginger
Pasta of choice
1 clove garlic, peeled and crushed

Finely grate zest of lime, put aside, juice the lime. In a Zip lock bag, mix 1/2 of the lime juice and zest, grated 1 1/4" piece of ginger, garlic, spring onion, and olive oil. Place the cut up chicken pieces in the bag with the marinade and let sit at least 2-3 hours in the refrigerator, turning several times. Make dressing: Put sour cream, mayonnaise and salad cream in a bowl and mix well. Add the remaining lime juice and zest, grated 2" piece of ginger and mix well. Allow to chill to let flavour develop. Wipe the marinade off the chicken and pat dry with a paper towel. Season with salt and pepper and enough nutmeg to a lightly brown colour, and place in a roasting pan,

drizzle with the olive oil. Bake in a 375F degree oven for 30 minutes basting occasionally. Cook pasta in lightly salted water, drain and cool. When chicken is cooked, cut into smaller pieces. Combine chicken, dressing and cooked pasta, add seasoning if needed, and chopped parsley; refrigerate at least one hour. Serve with lime wedges and salad greens. (Yield 4 servings)

Recipe from Sandra Cherry, Union Jack Food columnist, who can be reached at Yourcuppateal@yahoo.com

(NB: It was pointed out to me in last month's column for Cumberland Chicken, that I omitted to say ...'dredge the chicken in the 2 Tbsp flour before browning'.)

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'Summer Themed'

Crossword—solution on Page 11

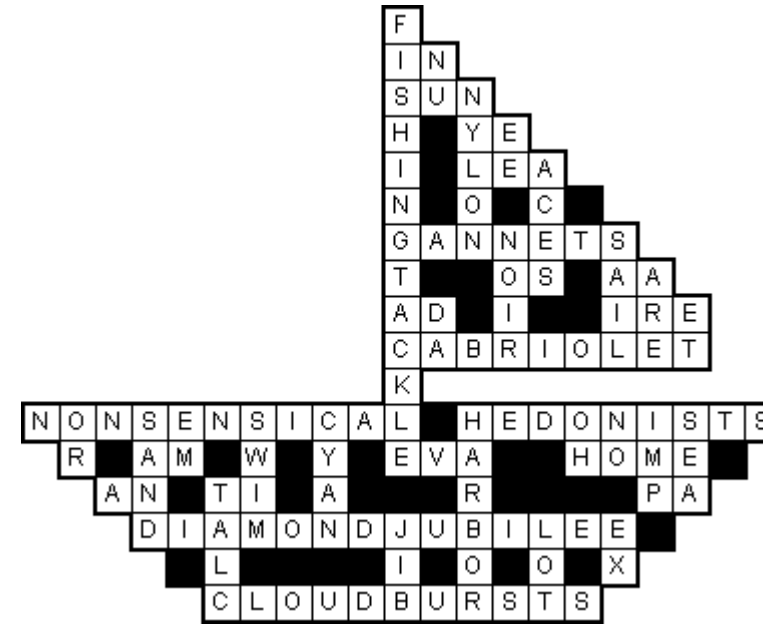
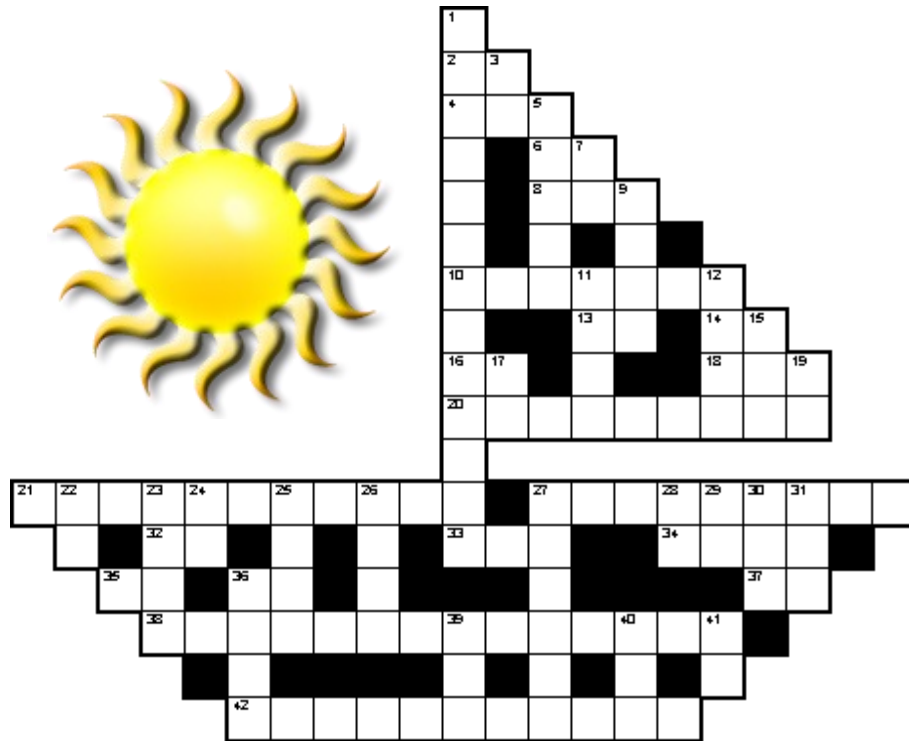
Across

- 2 Not excluded (2)
- 4 Critical to life in Florida (3)
- 6 Very old spelling of 'the' (2)
- 8 Pasture or meadow (3)
- 10 Sea birds (7)
- 13 The national mapping agency for Great Britain (2)
- 14 Type of lava (2)
- 16 A public promotion of some product or service (2)
- 18 Wrath (3)
- 20 We see a lot of this type of car in Florida. (9)
- 21 Absurd (11)
- 27 Are we this for seeking to live in paradise? (9)
- 32 Part of the verb 'to be' (2)
- 33 Peron? (3)
- 34 The ---- plate in baseball is a five-sided slab of whitened rubber (4)
- 35 The indefinite article used before a vowel (2)
- 36 A musical note (2)
- 37 A childish name (2)
- 38 Special year for Elizabeth Windsor (7,7)
- 42 A Florida summer would not be the same without them. (5,6)

Down

- 1 Piscatorial equipment (7,6)
- 3 Greek letter (2)
- 5 Synthetic material (5)

- 7 Scots word for eye (2)
- 9 Winning serves (4)
- 11 'The Big Sleep' is described as an example of Film ---- (4)
- 12 A genoa is one (4)
- 15 Unit of metric land measurement (3)
- 17 A Burmese knife (2)
- 19 Movie character (2)
- 22 Heraldry - a gold or yellow tincture (2)
- 23 Feature of Siesta Key (4)
- 24 A linear unit (1/6 inch) used in printing (2)
- 25 Do this at the beach (4)
- 26 Printer colour (4)
- 27 A haven by the sea. (6)
- 28 Expressing surprise (2)
- 29 A negative (2)
- 30 Small car made by Hillman in the '60s (3)
- 31 Where do we like to be beside..... (3)
- 36 Bathroom powder (4)
- 39 One of a boat's sails (3)
- 40 Nephew of Abraham (3)
- 41 Former spouse (2)



Solution to crossword on Page 6

If you have a suggestion for a themed crossword please contact Brian Thompson at lakewood@gmail.com

Come and Join the Club

The Sarasota British Club (SBC) serves the needs of its membership in the spirit of friendship and mutual support. This includes the planning, developing and overseeing of a social setting where members can meet and exchange interests. The SBC assists British newcomers in settling into the community, and provides British businesses with valuable networking and support. To join, please fill in the information below and send it with your check to: Sarasota British Club, P.O. Box 21063, Sarasota, FL 34276.

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JOKES

A limerick on the Greek Economy

NO EXIT TO ATHENS

Said the Austrian Minister Fekter,
 Alarmed at a Greek exit specter:
 "For leaving the 'zone,
 The course is unknown"
 (A point on which few would correct 'er).

"For Greece, any expert you dial up
 On making a roadmap worthwhile up,
 Most likely expects it
 Is less like an exit
 And more like a 20-car pile-up."

Dr. Goose

A little boy was attending his first wedding.
 After the service, his cousin asked him,
 "How many women can a man marry?"
 "Sixteen," the boy responded.
 His cousin was amazed that he had an answer so
 quickly.
 "How do you know that?"
 "Easy," the little boy said.
 "All you have to do is add it up, like the pastor
 said, 4 better, 4 worse, 4 richer, 4 poorer."

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Golfer: "This is the worst course I've ever played."
 Caddy: "This isn't the golf course. We left that an
 hour ago."

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Golfer: "That can't be my ball, it's too old."
 Caddy: "It's been a long time since we teed off,
 sir."

Sudoku

These 4 puzzles progress from very easy to hard. Solutions on page 9
 Fill in the grid with numbers 1 to 9, numbers should not be repeated in each horizontal and vertical line or highlighted box of 9.

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LETTER OF THANKS TO MEMBERS

April 21, 2012
 Sarasota British Club, Inc.
 Attn: Sue Ford, President
 P.O. Box 21063
 Sarasota, FL 34276-4063



Hope in a Back Pack Program



Dear Sue and Friends,

I can't express adequately enough how thrilling it was when I received the first telephone call back in February announcing your club's kind offer to donate the proceeds from your then proposed "Annual Jumble Garage Sale" to be held in April for our program. To think that conscientious people such as in your organization with the diligent effort and willingness to be supporters of the needy children in our area is over-whelming.

On behalf of the Hope and a Back Pack Committee I would like to thank the Sarasota British Club from the bottom of our hearts for your generous donation of \$1,154.96. This gift will allow us to continue feeding the hungry.

You have our gratitude and everlasting friendship for your thoughtfulness and concern for our little ones. With the tightening economy, competition has never been fiercer to help those less fortunate in need and to think you came forward on your own accord to assist in this current never ending battle. We congratulate you!

With the help of financial contributions from supporters such as you we will continue to see improvements in helping ease hunger in our area and for that we are forever obliged. YOU are making a difference. Thank you.

Sincerely
 Sharon Lee Leber, Founder/Consultant
 Hope in a Back Pack Program

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Note: The final total to Hope in a Back Pack was \$1,269.96

To alleviate hunger among school children in Sarasota County, in September 2010 the residents of Village Walk founded the **Hope in a Back Pack** program under the auspices of All Faiths Food Bank. Volunteers pack more than 100 bags of healthy food which is distributed to Fruitville Elementary School for needy (K-5) children to take home in their special backpacks each weekend of the school year.
 Hope in a Backpack Program, A.F.B.– VW Program, 8109 Camminare Drive, Sarasota, FL 34238

Solution to puzzles from Page 7

2	6	5	1	8	4	3	9	7
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JOKES

A pipe burst in a doctor's house. He called a plumber. The plumber arrived, unpacked his tools, did mysterious plumber-type things for a while, and handed the doctor a bill for \$600. The doctor exclaimed, "This is ridiculous! I don't even make that much as a doctor!"
 The plumber waited for him to finish and quietly said, "Neither did I when I was a doctor."

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While crossing the US-Mexican border on his bicycle, the man was stopped by a guard who pointed to two sacks the man had on his shoulders. "What's in the bags?", asked the guard.
 "Sand," said the cyclist.

"Get them off - we'll take a look," said the guard. The cyclist did as he was told, emptied the bags, and proving they contained nothing but sand, re-loaded the bags, put them on his shoulders and continued across the border.
 Two weeks later, the same thing happened. Again the guard demanded to see the two bags, which again contained nothing but sand. This went on every week for six months, until one day the cyclist with the sand bags failed to appear.
 A few days later, the guard happened to meet the cyclist downtown. "Say friend, you sure had us crazy", said the guard. "We knew you were smuggling something across the border. I won't say a word - but what is it you were smuggling?"
 "Bicycles!"