



Brit Club News

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Coming Events

The SBC Board Meeting will be held on **Thursday March 10th** at the Village des Pins clubhouse, 7964 Timberwood Circle, Sarasota @ 6:30pm. Members welcome.

Kayak Outing—on Sarasota Bay
Another kayak outing on Sarasota Bay has been set for **Thursday, 24th March 8.30-noon**. The launch point is Loreto Park in Nokomis. We anticipate the first 17 paddlers to commit can be accommodated on three tandem/double kayaks and 11 singles. Contact Mark Malkasian (445-2890) for early booking.



You MUST be on the security list to gain entrance – please confirm with Paul Wilkinson at pwilkinson18@comcast.net. You will not be able to get in if you do not register!

Van Wezel Tour on Wednesday May 11, 10-12pm. Tour of art work, back stage, stage etc. \$5pp with optional lunch at Marina Jack's. Full details to follow next month.

Jane Thompson
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Friday Lunch on 25th March at 12, at **Country Pancake House and Restaurant, 8205 Nature's Way, San Marco Plaza, Lakewood Ranch**. Details see Page 7.

Travels with Margaret Thatcher
Cynthia Crawford, MBE, will reprise her talk on 'Travels with Margaret Thatcher' on Easter Saturday, March 26. Her humorous recollections of meetings with world leaders during the fall of the Iron Curtain make fascinating stories, and this talk is highly recommended.

We are grateful to Janis and Tony Stevens who are providing the meeting room at their condo – 888 Boulevard of the Arts, Sarasota FL 34236

5.00 – 7.00 pm Saturday March 26

Please bring your own refreshments and a small savory dish.

Coming Events

- Kayaking in March
- Tampa Bay Downs Horse Racing (Page 3)
- Talk by 'Crawfie', Margaret Thatcher's PA.
- Guided Tour of the Gamble Mansion March 11 (see Page 7)
- March's Friday Lunch at LWR Pancake House (see Page 7)
- Games Night
- Van Wezel Tour in May
- Conducted Tour of Raymond James Art Collection plus Lunch—date to be arranged
- McCurdy's Comedy Club in July

President's letter –

As many of you know, I am still working, and my job takes me traveling to meet with customers across the country. Many of my clients are household names, and I am particularly watchful of customer service on my trips (and of companies that I do business with domestically). We have a concept in my customer of 'World Class Service', and it is remarkable how few organizations manage to achieve this.

Some of you may remember the business book of the 80's by Ken Blanchard – 'The One Minute Manager'. This little book* packed a powerful punch and left a lasting impression on me. Treating people with dignity and respect creates an environment where excellent service becomes almost effortless – and can be almost taken for granted. I am a raving fan of Costco, Southwest Airlines, and Amazon. Each of these go the extra mile to make their customers smile, and when things go wrong they do not hesitate to make it right. They work hard to build goodwill among their customers, and this helps them survive the bumps in the road that will inevitably occur.

The Board and I also work hard to create a variety of events for you to enjoy, and we welcome your feedback. In return, we ask that you understand that not every event is for everyone.

Our mission statement is;

...“to provide a social setting for newcomers in the area as they adjust to the American way of life; recognize nearby British-owned businesses; and promote community outreach by supporting local charitable organizations.”

We have a lot of great ideas for you this coming year, we will do our best to deliver “World Class Service”!

Paul Wilkinson

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Diana's Cabbage and Apple

This is an interesting cabbage recipe instead of the over-cooked boiled version my mother used to serve up! It is lovely with pork, or even fish.

INGREDIENTS

Butter
Half large cabbage or one small cabbage
1 large chopped onion
2-3 teaspoons of Caraway Seeds
1 cup white wine
2-3 tablespoons brown sugar
Juice of half a lemon
2 sour or sweet apples
2-3 tablespoons cider vinegar to taste
Salt and pepper



INSTRUCTIONS

In a large flat frying pan:-
Melt butter and sauté onion until soft
Add chopped apple, lemon juice, sugar and caraway seeds
Toss gently until apple is soft
Add vinegar, cabbage and wine
Cover and steam for about 10 minutes until cabbage is soft, but don't over cook!
Serve and enjoy....

Precis of February Board Meeting

Club currently has a bank balance of \$3320. Christmas Party profit \$674.49 mostly due to generous prize donations. Membership 166 families and 24 singles. After March all newsletters will be emailed, members wishing to receive a paper copy can request one. Donation checks were delivered to Senior Friendship Center and Alzheimer's Association and thank-you's received. Discussed upcoming events and plans for future events, details will be in Newsletters.

Submitted by Jane Jacobs



Financial Matters

We started the year with a request to our members.

The Board now proposes to create 'opt in' for printed newsletters to ultimately go 'paper-less'.

Please let us know immediately if you need a printed copy.

To date 4 members have told us that they want the printed copy.

The Board is aware that a couple of the members do not have computers, so a printed copy will **always** be available to them.

Reply to lakewood2@gmail.com



We spend so much money on postage when it could be used for far better causes! We could have donated at least \$500 to 2 more charities with the savings!

Remember, that apart from the email copy there is also an archive of past copies available on the Club's website.

Brian Thompson



Our ever-popular horse-racing day at **Tampa Bay Downs** will be held this year on Sunday, April 17th. There is the usual 52 seater coach that will pick up in both Sarasota and Bradenton, starting at 9.30 a.m. from Sarasota, and we have reserved 50 seats in the Sky Terrace for the brunch buffet and very

inviting dessert table. The cost for round trip coach fare, brunch, and the entrance fee is unchanged from the last couple of years at \$50. You can reserve your spot by calling Steve Adams on [941-524-9410](tel:941-524-9410), or emailing him at sha@adamsiac.com. Once you have reserved your place, you need to mail a check for \$50 per person, payable to Sarasota British Club, to Sarasota British Club, PO Box 21063, Sarasota FL 34276



Friendly Quotes

Don't wait for people to be friendly, show them how.

~Henry James~



You cannot do a kindness too soon for you never know how soon it will be too late.

~Ralph Waldo Emerson~

Friendship is unnecessary, like philosophy, like art... It has no survival value; rather it is one of those things that give value to survival.

— C. S. Lewis

Friends
are
Forever



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Reminder The Club's website 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.

Elsewhere

THE 30th ANNUAL THISTLE BALL SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 2016

The officers and members of the Caledonian Club of Florida West request the honor of your presence at this elegant and fun Scottish Gala. Festivities begin with cocktails at 5:30pm followed by dinner and dancing at the Venetian Golf and River Club, 502 Veneto Boulevard in North Venice. Jeff LaHurd, Sarasota Historian will be honored with a special Caledonian Award.



The fare is \$60 per person and for further details and/or reservations, please contact Roberta Hamilton, 941-371-1760 BY MARCH 18.

Local Sports Cricket and Rugby



At Parry Field, 7401 University Parkway, Lakewood Ranch

See sarasotacricket.org for information, directions and events.

Looking for Cricketers for Jewish Olympics 2017

Our Website Liaison received a query recently from a cricketer who is trying to form a USA Maccabi Cricket Team. His goal is to participate in the Jewish Olympics (The 20th Maccabiah Games) in Israel in 2017. The Point of Contact is Isaac Solson, Team Chairman, his phone 813-817-1595 and email isolson592@gmail.com. Please share with those of possible interest.



CLUB DONATION

Paul and Diana Wilkinson, together with Alan and Beryl Perry, met the local representatives of The Alzheimer's Association to present a donation of \$500 for this worthy cause. Alan Perry organized a sponsored walk in October in which several members participated, raising an additional \$100 for the charity.

In the picture, from left to right

Paul Wilkinson, Summer Reyes and Chuck Albrecht of



the Association, Beryl Perry, Diana Wilkinson, Alan Perry. Also shown is Yukon, Diana's Therapy Dog.

'We thank you for your support!'

68 members (below) turned up for our new President's welcome party at Kona Grill on University Town Center Mall, to meet and toast Paul Wilkinson's leadership. A raffle was held and the winner was Linda Polsin.



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'.



February 3, 2016

Mr. Paul Wilkinson
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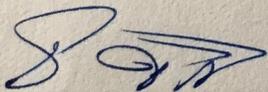
Dear Mr. Wilkinson,

Thank you for your gift to the Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's®!
Your generous contribution of \$500.00 will help us enhance care and support for all those affected by Alzheimer's. Your gift will also help us advance research toward finding methods of treatment, prevention, and ultimately, a cure for this devastating disease.

Here at the Alzheimer's Association Florida Gulf Coast Chapter we offer basic disease education, 24-hour helpline, caregiver training, support groups, respite and care consultation. With your gift we can provide more of these services to families, caregivers, and those living with Alzheimer's and other dementias at no cost to them.

We hope to see you next year.

Sincerely,



Gloria J.T. Smith
President and CEO



CLUB DONATIONS

The Club made donations of \$500 to each of 2 local non-profits this year. These are the 'Thank you' letters. See also the photo and article on Page 4.

The photo on this page shows Board member and Club founder Sandra Cherry handing over the cheque at the Sarasota Senior Friendship Center.

Dear friends at the British Club — 2/4/16

Thank you so much for your generous donation to our Sponsor a Senior program. The \$500⁰⁰ will fund 23 hours of Adult Day Services. That will allow us to assist more families that cannot afford the full rate.

Your ongoing support is much appreciated.

Sincerely -

Debbie Monill, Manager, Adult Day Services

Mini Golf Feb 2016

A group of 20 members enjoyed an afternoon of mini-golf at the 'Fish Hole' in Lakewood Ranch, thanks to organizer Sue Ford.

It was a perfect day, and despite the water hazards and other challenges, there were several holes in one, and Kathy Deakins and Brian Thompson scored two each! Despite this, the best score was that of 5 under par by Lynn Leach which helped the team with husband David plus Jean and Mark Malkasian to be the best team. The group retired to MacAllisters for refreshments afterwards. You can find these photos at <http://tinyurl.com/jkzhxpz>, where you can download them at the original quality.



March Lunch at Country Pancake House and Restaurant, 8205 Nature's Way, San Marco Plaza, Lakewood Ranch.

This unique restaurant serves freshly prepared foods and is a local favorite.

Please join us on Friday, March 25th, 2016 at 12 noon for lunch. Since we will be a large group, you will be offered a choice from the options below (you do not need to choose in advance - you will select when you get there):

#6 Yankee Peddler (4 blueberry pancakes).....	\$7.95 or \$5.95 (2)
#64 Banana Nut Pancakes (4).....	\$9.95 or \$7.95 (2)
#122 Apple Cinnamon French Toast (3 slices).....	\$9.50
#126 Peaches, Banana and Strawberry French Toast (3 slices).....	\$9.50
#140 Everyday Classic (waffle with fresh strawberries).....	\$9.50
Eggs Platter(2 eggs, home fries and 2 pancakes).....	\$5.50
add ham, bacon or sausage.....	\$6.95
Half Tuna Salad Sandwich with a cup of soup of the day (choice of 2 soups).....	\$8.95
Grilled American or Swiss Cheese (with french fries & coleslaw).....	\$5.95
add ham or bacon or tomato	\$6.95
Caesar Salad.....	\$5.50 (Jr) \$6.95 (Lg)
Mango Salad (with pecans, mango, mixed greens, crumbled gorgonzola, tomato & fresh strawberries).....	\$7.95 (Jr) \$9.95 (Lg) with Grilled
Chicken.....	\$8.95 (Jr) \$10.95 (Lg)

For more information, visit their website: <http://countrypancakehouse.net/>

If you would like to attend the lunch, please let Maggie Hughes know at (941) 487-7216 or mvhughes50@hotmail.com.

Guided Tour of the Gamble Mansion

Friday March 11 @ 10.30 a.m.

Entrance fee \$6.00 per adult (payable at the gate)

*T*his antebellum mansion was home to Major Robert Gamble and headquarters of an extensive sugar plantation. It is the only surviving plantation house in South Florida.

Gamble Plantation Historic State Park

Essential Eligibility Criteria *Guided Tour - Gamble Mansion*

In order to participate in this program, one:

- Must have the ability to follow visual and/or verbal instructions independently or with the assistance of a companion.
- Must have the ability to withstand exposure to the outdoors for a period of 60 minutes.
- Must have the ability to traverse uneven terrain for up to 60 yards.
- Must have the ability to traverse a wooden ramp at an incline of 5 degrees for 8 feet or climb 2 steps 6 inches high with a tread width of 11 inches, independently or with the assistance of a companion. (First Floor)
- Must have the ability to climb 17 steps that are 7 inches high with a tread width of 11 inches, independently or with the assistance of a companion. (Second Floor)

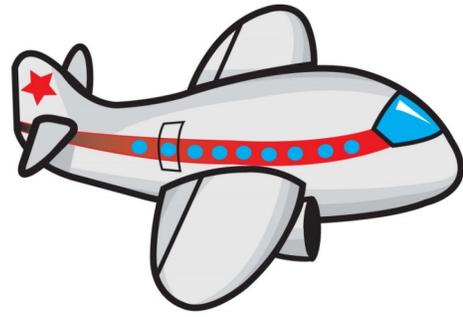
We will have a picnic lunch afterward, tables are available. BYOP (bring your own picnic)

Please contact Jane Jacobs jane60010@yahoo.com if you plan to join us. I prefer email (then I have info written down) but you can call me on **847-370-2811**. CUTOFF DATE FOR RESERVATIONS IS MARCH 3RD.

It is essential we have a correct head count as additional Tour Guides will need to be on duty should we have a group larger than one Guide can accommodate.

Sarasota British Club name badges

Please obtain Club badges directly from:
Sarasota Trophy 6601 Superior Ave, Sarasota
FL 34231. 921-4339.



\$8 + tax for badge with magnet = \$8.56

\$6 + tax for badge with pin (without magnet) = \$6.42.

Badges can be collected in person

(M - F 8.30 - 5 or Sat 9 - 12) or shipped to home for
\$3.75.



JOKE

A young and foolish pilot wanted to sound cool on the aviation frequencies. So, as this was his first time approaching a field during the nighttime instead of making an official request to the tower, he said, "Guess who?"

The controller switched the field lights off and replied, "Guess where?"

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