



Brit Club News

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Coming Events

The SBC Board Meeting will be held on Thursday January 12th at the Village des Pins clubhouse, 7964 Timberwood Circle, Sarasota @ 6:30pm. Members welcome.

January Lunch – Friday January 27, 12 noon at Flavors of India
7119 S Tamiami Trail
Sarasota FL 34231

Early last year we enjoyed the buffet lunch at this restaurant and we have had several requests to go back.

So – here is your opportunity! For \$12 per person we will enjoy an all-you-can-eat buffet, and the price includes a soft drink, tax and gratuity.

Space is limited – email Paul Wilkinson today to secure your place. PaulWilkinson18@comcast.net

Sarasota 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 *complementary* 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 20 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 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 Cafe <http://www.opentable.com/muse-at-the-ringling> starting at 11:30.

Mark Malkasian

Kayak 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 February newsletter. Contact the Event Coordinator, Mark Malkasian by email marqmalk@gmail.com or (941) 445-2890.

Tampa Bay Downs in April see Page 6

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- January Lunch at Flavors of India
- Sarasota Ballet Backstage Tour in February
- Kayaking in March
- Tampa Bay Downs in April, see Page 6

President's Letter

*W*ow, how did it get to be 2017? Seems like only yesterday it was 1997. Oh well, time marches on and I am happy I am still able to march right along.



I am really excited to be President of the Sarasota British Club this year and am looking forward to all the events we have throughout the year: some traditional yearly events and some new experiences.

Ross and I have lived in Sarasota permanently for only 3 years but we have owned a home here for 16 years and have escaped to Sarasota whenever possible. Prior to Sarasota we lived in the Chicago area for 30 years and Canada for 10 years where we originally settled after leaving England in 1973. I was in Chicago for a very brief visit last week and it was so cold my fingers and toes did not thaw completely until the plane landed in Tampa. Even though the day I got back was the beginning of a 'cold snap' I will take a Sarasota 'cold snap' any day! No hat, parka or gloves is my idea of perfect winter weather.

A big thank-you to everyone who attended our recent Christmas Party, it was a great success thanks to all our members and guests who came along to wine, dine, dance, socialize and win some of the wonderful raffle prizes we had on display. Members and guests were extremely generous this year and purchased enough raffle tickets to set a record for donations to our club.

I am pleased to announce your SBC Board elected to donate to two local charities this year, All Faiths Food Bank and Tiny Hands, each received \$750.00. It is heartbreaking to hear so many children in Sarasota go hungry every day! We try to ensure the donations are used to benefit our local community. Also, thank you to Paul Wilkinson who organized a small team to participate in the recent Walk to End Alzheimer's and raised over \$1,000 in donations.

Coming up with new ideas can be a challenge sometimes, so please feel free to contact me if you have any ideas for activities the Club members might find interesting this year. If you are able to organize an event that would be wonderful; but even if you cannot chair an event I would still welcome suggestions. One area

where we always need assistance is finding restaurants for our monthly luncheons. We generally have around 40 members attending each month. It is a very popular outing but it is not always easy to come up with restaurants members may enjoy and keep to a schedule of going north one month, south one month and mid-Sarasota one month. So if you know of any hidden gems PLEASE let me know. In January we will return to the home of traditional British cooking, "Flavors of India" for an Indian buffet!

Thank you to my friends who have offered support during the upcoming year, I really appreciate your offers and will I am certain to be calling upon you from time to time.

I wish a Happy New Year to all SBC members and their families and look forward to some fun in 2017.

Jane Jacobs



Précis of December Board Meeting

*M*embership stands at 176, 150 families and 26 singles. Treasurer's balance as of 12/1/16 \$9281.64 but all expenses for Christmas party have not been paid yet. Board confirmed only pictures/articles of SBC sponsored events shall appear in the newsletter. 7 members walked and raised donations for the Walk to End Alzheimer's on Nov 10. SBC charitable donations for 2016 of \$750 each to Tiny Hands and All Faiths Food Bank. January monthly luncheon at Flavors of India. 2017 activities discussed and details will be published in newsletters.



"A life spent making mistakes is not only more honorable, but more useful than a life spent doing nothing."

— *George Bernard Shaw*

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

<https://goo.gl/photos/qFgBMgw7iCJLUgTV7>

2013 Xmas Party

<http://tinyurl.com/jsuyk6d>

2014 Xmas Party

<http://tinyurl.com/jsuyk6d>

2015 Xmas Party

<http://tinyurl.com/jjq33xf>

Historic Spanish Point 2013

<http://tinyurl.com/zanc42g>

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



Guy Fawkes Night at Siesta Key-2016

An infamous, Dark Spirit still brooding after lo these many years was the focus of a decorous gathering at Siesta Key on November 6. This social commemoration of the "Dastardly Deed" was shared among 70 celebrants —

as done in many long times past "without any danger or disorder" as directed by The Council of King James I after the treachery of 1605.

The waning hours of "Gunpowder Treason Day" were a celebration marked by culinary smells, sunset, sand, sparklers and assisted immolation but nary a religious overtone.

Although our rendering of this 410th running of the "Thanksgiving Act" tradition was recognized a day later than the actual anniversary and may have lacked the bonfires and miniature explosions of yore, it still evoked the spirit and kinship of an historic event in British History.

Thanks are extended to all who so cheerfully participated in 'these nocturnal riots' and special Hat Tips and Raised, Crossed, Cooking Tongs to Diana and Paul Wilkinson as our admirable hosts!

Mark Malkasian

For photos of this event, see the link in the previous column.

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

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.

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

Christmas Party Photos.

Thanks to Sally Scott for her assistance. About 80 photos can be seen from the link on Page 3 where there are instructions for downloading them. **Brian Thompson**



Tiny Hands Foundation



Benefiting Children & Families in Need

A 501c3 charity. Donations are tax-deductible.

December 8, 2016

Sharon Gould
The Sarasota British Club
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Dear Sharon,

On behalf of the thousands of community children and families who benefit from the Tiny Hands Foundation's charitable initiatives each year, I would like to sincerely thank you for your kind and generous donation of \$750 to the 2016 Holiday Basket Brigade. This year more than 1,200 children and families will receive holiday gift baskets filled with a holiday turkey, food, and Christmas toys.

We could not lead these important initiatives without the kind help of thoughtful and generous friends like you. We are a small, all-volunteer, non-profit organization. We have no rent and our volunteers pay our minimal administrative and operating expenses, which means 100% of your donation is spent supporting community children and families in need.

Tiny Hands Foundation's Annual Charitable Initiatives

Holiday Basket Brigade: Provides thousands of holiday gift baskets filled with food and Christmas toys to community children and families in need.

Back-to-School Backpack Brigade: Provides thousands of new backpacks filled with school supplies to community school children in need.

Teddy Bear Brigade: Provides thousands of teddy bears for community police department patrol cars to be given out by police officers to comfort children in distress.

We welcome you to stay connected with the Tiny Hands Foundation to view your donation benefiting community children and families. www.facebook.com/TinyHandsFoundation

I know you have many choices for charitable giving. Thank you again for supporting the Tiny Hands Foundation and making a positive difference in our community.

Warmly,

Rod Khleif
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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Tampa Bay Downs Horse Racing

Sunday April 2, 2016

\$50.00 per person for

Champagne Brunch and transportation to and from.



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

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Humour

1. Just ate a frozen apple. Hardcore.
2. Bought a litre of Tipp-Ex yesterday. Huge mistake.
3. I've started a business building yachts in my attic. Sails are going through the roof.
4. I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Then it dawned on me.
5. I tried to catch some fog today but I mist.
6. I bought a dog from my local blacksmith. When I got it home it made a bolt for the door.
7. Last night I went to a comedy and philosophy conven-

tion. Laughed more than I thought.

8. Just watched a wildlife documentary on beavers. Best dam programme I've seen in a long time.

9. Jokes about German sausage are the Wurst.

10. I was trying to explain puns to my kleptomaniac friend today, but she kept taking things literally.

11. I stole a rabbit today. Then I had to make a run for it.

12. A woman told me she recognised me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore

13. Just got a job playing triangle in a reggae band. I stand at the back and ting.

14. What does a clock do when it's hungry? It goes back four seconds.

15. My wife told me I was a fool to build a car out of spaghetti. You should have seen the look on her face when I drove pasta.

16. Just watched a documentary on how ships are kept together. Riveting.

17. I used to have a problem where I couldn't stop naming classic American sitcoms, but I'm over it now. Happy Days.

18. My wife's working in a bowling alley.
Ten pin?

No, permanent.

19. Police just caught a man stealing 50 helium balloons.
They had to let him go.

20. How do you approach an angry Welsh cheese? Caerphilly.

21. Jokes about opticians just get cornea and cornea.

22. A steak pun is a rare medium well done.

23. I was walking the dogs the other day when all of a sudden they vanished into thin air. Not sure where they went, but I've got some leads.

24. Did you know that owls can't breed in the rain? It's too wet to woo.

25. When my wife told me I had to stop impersonating a flamingo, I decided to put my foot down

26. Dad: I've just been diagnosed with Tom Jones syndrome.

Mum: Is it common?

Dad: It's Not Unusual

27. My wife asked me if I could please stop singing 'Wonderwall'. I said maybe.

Submitted by *Paul Wilkinson*

Tiny Hands Foundation Basket Brigade

The Club very kindly donated \$750.00 to the Tiny Hands Foundation this year, and it was allocated to their Basket Brigade. Ivan and I volunteered Saturday morning just before Christmas to help put the baskets together and we can give you a good idea what happens with your donation.

When we arrived at the Boys and Girls Club of Sarasota, which is where they were organizing everything, we were amazed at the number of people volunteering. Except when we got into the hall to sign up we found 2 queues already – one was for volunteers, the other was for people hoping for a basket.

They have 2 long rows of trestle tables set up. You take a plastic laundry basket with a red or green garbage sack open in it, then walk along the tables with it and other volunteers put in small toys for the children and then dry goods such as cereal bars, stuffing, dinner rolls, some candy canes and cake desserts. This is topped off with a large tin foil roasting pan.

You then take the basket to the decorating table where other volunteers seal the bag shut with a tie and then decorate it with ribbons and a card – ‘This is from someone that loves you.... All we ask is that you do this for someone else one day.’

The baskets are then moved into another hall and counted out ready to be given out with the food.

In another room trestle tables are laid out with 10lb bag of potatoes, a bag with vegetables (and a recipe for turkey soup), and frozen turkeys. Families then come to the door and are given a basket, vegetables and turkey to help them over Christmas. A lot of them have been recommended by various charities that help them in other ways.

Then other charities come with vans and take baskets and food to give out – the Salvation Army, All-Faiths Food Bank, the Boys and Girls Club, Big Brother Little Sister – they take between 50 and 150 baskets and food each.

In total nearly 1200 baskets with turkeys were given out to families in need. So thank you so much for your help. It was a real eye opener to see the people who needed help. And the thought that went through our minds was – there but for the grace of God go I.

On behalf of Tiny Hands Foundation, and all those that will be eating dinner at Christmas who would not have otherwise, thank you.

Sharon Gould

About Tiny Hands Foundation

In the Fall of 2001, Florida businessman Rod Khleif and his brother, Ed Jacobs, began to reflect on their life’s many blessings. With the holiday season quickly approaching and their families’ needs met, they decided that rather than watch football on Thanksgiving Day, that they would find a way to make a contribution of their abundance to local families, who were much less fortunate. Inspired, they decided to personally create and distribute food baskets, filled with many of the traditional Thanksgiving fare, with the hope that other families could also experience love and celebration on that Thanksgiving Day.

Thus, the Tiny Hands Foundation was founded. Under the subsidy of Rod Khleif, with funding from his real estate endeavors, the organization has since fed thousands of families around Sarasota and throughout Southwest Florida. Their initial offering, has affectionately become known as the Basket Brigade which each year delivers food baskets containing all the ingredients for a traditional Thanksgiving Day Feast to those less fortunate within the community. Khleif realized that by gifting families with a single holiday meal, that the effects would go beyond measure. His personal motivation was to foster an exchange of generosity and gratitude between community members with far ranging demographics. This single act of kindness could inspire recipients to improve the quality of their lives as well as motivate the fortunate to assist those in their community who are in need.

Source: <http://tinyhandsfoundation.org/>



Sarasota British Club name badges

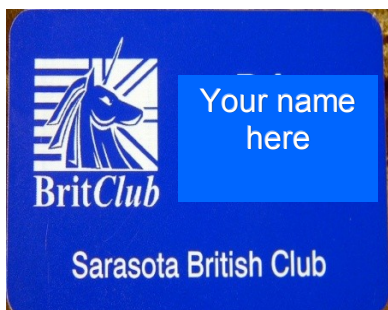
Please obtain Club badges directly from:
Sarasota Trophy 6601 Superior Ave, Sarasota
FL 34231. 921-4339.

\$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.



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'.



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