



BritClub News

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A MESSAGE TO THE MEMBERS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Yes, Sarasota British Club has a new President and a new Vice President! I am pleased to announce that I have offered myself and the Board has agreed to elect yours truly Peter Stokes to be President.

David Welch has agreed to be Vice President in addition to his role as Membership Secretary and my wife Olga is taking over from me as Treasurer in addition to being Newsletter editor.

I'm also pleased to announce that Stevan Collins has been elected Secretary and Stuart Green has agreed to be our Website Liaison, succeeding the retiring Mark Malkasian. Paul Wilkinson continues as a director and Immediate Past-President.

It may sound like a bit of a "merry-go-round" but our club now has a dedicated team of Directors and Officers to take the club forward. We are still looking for more volunteers to join us on the Board.

At this point, I would like to express mine and the members' thanks and appreciation to Paul, Mark, Diana and Jean who have all worked so hard for the club over many years. Great job guys!

Happily, the British Club has already returned to full operation with the very enjoyable Platinum Jubilee Picnic on Saturday June 4th; a well-attended luncheon in May and the St. George's Day party in April. Thanks also to Linda Mercurio who has taken on the job of organizing our monthly lunches.

That's the good news, but it also signals the re-start of membership dues. The Board has agreed that annual membership fees will be reintroduced on July 1, 2022 in the amounts of \$30.00 for a couple and \$20.00 for a single membership. Please note these amounts are less than the pre-Covid rates. After a period of 3 months, by September 30th, 2022 our register of members will be restructured and those persons who have not paid by then will be dropped from the rolls. But, of course, you can always reapply.

Please mail your checks, payable to:

Sarasota, British Club, Inc.

P.O. Box 21063, Sarasota, FL 34276-4063

Thank you for your continued support of the Sarasota British Club, best wishes. Peter

Dear Paul, Diana, Mark and Jean:



we appreciate you and thank you very, very much!



UPCOMING EVENTS

June luncheon: June 24th; 12:00 noon, at the “Opus Restaurant & Lounge SRQ”, 6644 Gateway Ave. Sarasota FL. in the Gulf Gate area.

July luncheon: July 29th; 12:00 noon at “Seasons 52”, UTC Mall.

Special thanks to Linda Mercurio for organizing the monthly luncheons which will be held on the last Friday of the month until further notice.

SBC Board meeting: July 12th at 6:30pm, at Village des Pins Clubhouse; 7964 Timberwood Cir. Sarasota FL 34238 Members are welcome to join us; please let us know in advance if you are coming by emailing Peter Stokes at: peter13454@gmail.com

Events to be announced:

Bingo Night; Annual General Meeting; Guy Fawkes Beach Party and Christmas Party.

Please remember to check your “junk folder” in case emails or Eventbrite messages end up there.

RECENT EVENTS

Queen Elizabeth II, Platinum Jubilee Picnic

On Saturday June 4th, 2022, members of the Sarasota British Club together with friends of other associations such as the Caledonian Club Florida West, the St. David’s Welsh Society and the Aloha Nui Dancers gathered at the Beach Park of the North Jetty to join in the festivities of the Queen’s Jubilee.

We wanted very much to get together in such a joyous occasion but were worried about the Tropical Storm Warning that was hanging over Sarasota until Saturday morning. Fortunately, the warning was dropped, the weather was kind, and we had the party in a beautiful, sunny and breeze afternoon.

It was wonderful to see people arriving and greeting each other with a big smile and affection.

Even the reporter from a local television channel was in a cheerful mood.

The evening started with Paul, our President, giving a brief introduction, followed by the members singing the National Anthem. Immediately after that, Mike Roberts led our vote of thanks to Paul and Diana for the many years of hard work and inspiration to us.

Next, the highlight of the evening: the dancers! They showed everyone what they are made of and delighted the crowd with their moves.

The food was delicious and by the time of the toast to the Queen, anyone could see how merry we all were.

It was a great get together, full of laughter, hugs and loud conversation, but enough words, let’s allow the photos to speak for themselves:













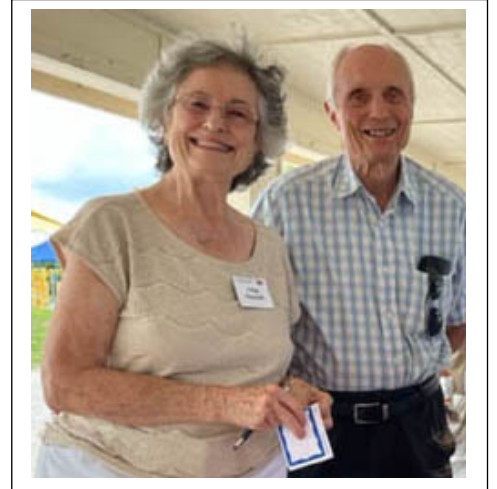






Welcome to Phil & Patty Miner from Caledonian Club Florida West

Welcome to the Ferrells from St. David's Welsh Society



Welcome to SBC Mc Dermott family!



Other recent events:

St George's Day was celebrated with a gathering at the Clubhouse at Village des Pins.

The club also had a successful luncheon in May and a presentation about Tesla Solar Roofs prepared by Ivan and Sharon Gould.

Some images from St. George's day:



From your editor:

The Black Skimmers are back!



Yes, they are back, once again nesting in Lido Beach. There are approximately one thousand birds right now and the colony is located on the northern end of the beach, close to St. Armand's Circle.

Many thanks to the members who contributed to this edition.

Olga Stokes, newsletter editor

Sarasota British Club name badges

Please obtain Club badges directly from **Sarasota Trophy, 6601 Superior Ave, Sarasota, FL 34321.**

Phone 941 921 4339.

- \$12.50 plus tax for badge with magnet
- \$12.50 plus tax for badge with pin (no magnet)

Badges can be collected in person (Mon.– Fri. 8.30 – 5pm, Sat .9 am – noon) or shipped to your home for an additional charge.

SARASOTA BRITISH CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2022

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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; you can add your event photos to the wall.