Paul Blackketter, from SANCA, updates the club on Nathan Benderson Park at the annual luncheon.

Message from the President
Thirty-four members and friends attended the January Lunch and Learn Event to enjoy a delicious meal in the beautiful Palmer Room of the Lakewood Ranch Golf and Country Club. This was followed by an interesting video assisted presentation by Paul Blackketter about the past, present and future of the Benderson Park. Paul answered many questions including some about alligator presence and control in the rowing facility. Thanks to all who made this event a success.

The open board position was filled by Mr. KC Walensky '72. KC signed the original club charter and was active as the first program chairman. Welcome back KC!

Unfortunately, Ruth Schaffer ’00 has requested relief from her board position due to health problems. Give me a call if you are interested in filling the open board position.

-Don Gray ’58

On the Water Event
Mark your calendar for Saturday, March 12, 2016. In response to suggestions from several members, a Myakka River Cruise is planned for 1:30 pm on that date. Cost is expected to be $14.95 (tax included) per person. The cruise is for one hour. Enjoy lunch before or after at the Snook Haven restaurant.

Reservations instructions will be provided in the March newsletter. We need to estimate participation to make an appropriate agreement with Logan River Tours.

Please e-mail Don at dandcgray@live.com or call (941) 918-1516 with the number interested by Monday, February 8th.

Coming Events
Saturday, February 27, 2016, 1:00 pm. Club Board of Director’s Meeting. Fruitville Library, Sarasota, FL. All members welcome.
Saturday, April 23, 2016, 11:30am. Annual Meeting of Club Members. Pelican Pointe Golf and Country Club, Venice, FL. This will include a menu order/self-pay lunch. A short business meeting and an interesting speaker to follow. See March newsletter for details.

**Member Recognition**
The club recognizes member significant events such as births, illness and deaths, and career oriented such as promotions and awards. Contact Carol Gray, (941) 918-1516 at cgray801@live.com

**In Memoriam**
Ethel Schaffer ’35  
Pearl F. Crystal ’48

**SPORTS:**

**Men’s Basketball:** SU’s record is now 14-8 and 4-5 in the ACC. On Jan. 27, SU soundly beat nationally ranked Notre Dame 81-66. Four of SU’s wins have been against ranked teams. Trevor Cooney was the high scorer in the game with 22 points. Gbinije, Richardson and Lydon each added 15 points. SU went 15-16 from the foul line! The previous week Richardson earned the league’s Rookie of the Week recognition. The upcoming schedule includes Georgia Tech on 1-30, Virginia Tech on 2-2, FL State on 2-11, BC on 2-14, Louisville on 2-17, Pitt on 2-20, NC State on 2-17 and North Carolina on 2-29. The ACC Tournament begins March 8th.

**Women’s Basketball :** The women’s team is 15-6 and 5-3 in ACC play. Quentin Hillsman, only the fourth coach in the 40-year history of the program won his 200th game last month. The women’s team has been in and out of the top 25 this season. Upcoming games include Miami on 2-1, Clemson on 2-4, Georgia Tech on 2-7, Virginia on 2-11, NC State on 2-4, FL State on 2-18, Pitt on 2-21 and BC on 2-25.

**Men’s Lacrosse:** The season gets underway on Saturday, Feb. 13 at 1 p.m. when Syracuse begins its 100th year of men’s lacrosse by playing host to Siena. The Syracuse men’s lacrosse team is ranked No. 7 in the USILA/NIKE Coaches Poll as it prepares for its ACC title defense. Upcoming games include Albany (ranked 12th) on 2-21 and Virginia on 3-4.

**Women’s Lacrosse** Syracuse posted a record 16-8 in 2015 and made the program's fourth consecutive appearance in the national semifinals. Caitlyn Wurzburger, a lacrosse player from Delray Beach, Fla., has given a verbal commitment to SU. She is an eighth-grader and Laxmagazine.com says this is the earliest such commitment ever reported in men’s or women’s lacrosse. Look for her in 2020.

**Working Orange Observation Program (WOOP):** Alumni/Parents can sign up to host a student during our job shadowing program! Alumni/parents can begin applying to opportunities on January 11 via our registration form link.

Students will then apply to specific opportunities from 2/8 to 2/15. Matches will be made no later than February 16.

Job shadowing will take place during spring break, March 14 - 18, 2016.

FAQs and to register as either a host or a student: WOOP Information.

**FAQs**

Club membership policy is to allow members to be up to six months delinquent in dues payment. This is in recognition that some members are in the area for only a part of a year. A chart of member renewal dates is provided quarterly as a reminder.

The February 27th club Board of Director’s meeting will include review of member status and a resolution to cancel membership of those more than six months delinquent.

If you have not yet paid for 2015-2016, please send your renewal soon. Remember to include a membership form to insure our record is accurate. Include information on family members who want to be considered affiliate members. A directory of members in good standing will be published with the March 2016 newsletter.
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Meets the eastern sky
Proudly stands our Alma Mater
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