



President Dan accepts the gavel and the Orange Blazer.



J.P. Dubuque speaks at our October 11 meeting.

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## CLUB MEETINGS

- Our regularly scheduled lunch meetings are at **12:15 p.m., every TUESDAY**. Lunch is served at noon. Members are encouraged to invite guests.
- The meeting location is the **St. Petersburg Yacht Club**, and garage parking is included. **HELPFUL HINT FOR PARKING** - If you are self-parking (free), enter the garage from Beach Drive NE, just north of the building, and if you are valet parking (the parking charge must be paid by the car owner), enter the garage off Central Avenue.
- Lunch is served buffet-style, usually in one of the second floor waterfront rooms over looking the marina (check the daily activity posting in the SPYC lobby), with service assistance from the friendly club staff. We have been receiving the fine service and great food that the Yacht Club is well known for.
- Check out our list of **outstanding upcoming lunch meeting programs**. Your club Program Committee, lead by Marshall Stevens, works very hard at scheduling interesting and timely speakers / programs at our lunch meetings for our information and enjoyment. If you have any ideas for worthwhile programs, please let Marshall know.
- We had 29 members and 2 guests at our last meeting. If you weren't there, please try to make the next meeting!
- Please see **Tom Baynard** if you would like to sign up to give the invocation at one of our regular lunch meetings.

DATE	PROGRAM	SPEAKER	KIWANIAN -OF-THE-DAY	INVOCATION
10/18/22	History of Baseball in St. Petersburg	Rick Vaughn	Al Karnavicius	Al Karnavicius
10/25/22	USF St. Petersburg	Christian Hardigree	Susan Churuti	Open
11/1/22	The Florida Wildlife Corridor	Maureen Vicaria	JC Russell	Hal Wells
11/8/22	American Stage	No Speaker	Al Karnavicius	Open

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### Rick Vaughn

#### History of Baseball in St. Petersburg

A veteran in the sports communications field, Rick Vaughn has served as public relations/communications department head for MLB's Baltimore Orioles and Tampa Bay Rays and the NFL's Washington Redskins. He also served as lead PR executive for the closing of Baltimore's beloved Memorial Stadium and the opening of the unparalleled Oriole Park at Camden Yards and that city's only All Star Game in the past 60 years.

Rick was a key player in the formation and launch of an MLB expansion franchise and the re-branding of the franchise

from Tampa Bay Devil Rays to Rays. Rick's career highlights also included: The 2002 MLB All Star tour of Japan; The 2008 World Series; 2016 MLB trip to Cuba, the first in 17 years, and many other media and community initiatives. He is a past recipient of the Robert O. Fishel Award named after the longtime baseball executive, and given annually to the "active, non-uniformed representative of Major League Baseball whose ethics, character, dedication, service, professionalism and humanitarianism best represent the standards propounded by Mr. Fishel."

He transitioned into the philanthropy world as executive director of the Respect 90 Foundation, the charitable body of the Angels iconic Manager Joe Maddon. Became a first-time author in 2022 with "100 Years of Baseball on St. Petersburg's Waterfront, How the Game Shaped a City" published by Arcadia Press.

### Christian Hardigree, Regional Chancellor

#### University of South Florida

Christian Hardigree was named regional chancellor of USF's St. Petersburg campus in May 2022. She previously served as the founding dean of the School of Hospitality at Metropolitan State University (MSU) in Denver, which is the third largest and only open-access institution of higher education in Colorado.

At MSU, Hardigree led the transition to a free-standing school and developed/implemented departmental structures, school strategic plan and initiatives, and other deliverables. She secured more than \$3,775,000 in external funds to support the school and led faculty through curriculum redesign of six degrees and majors, eight minors and nine certificates.

Prior to her role at MSU, Hardigree served as the founding director and professor of the Michael A. Leven School of Culinary Sustainability and Hospitality at Kennesaw State University in Kennesaw, Georgia. She oversaw more than 260 majors with a total enrollment of more than 1,500 students. She also worked for Parnell & Associates as a senior litigation attorney and partner focusing on employment discrimination, arbitration, mediation and labor-management relations. In 2012, she was selected as a faculty institute senior teaching fellow at University of Nevada Las Vegas, where she also received the Sam and Mary Boyd Distinguished Professor for Service Award in 2011 and the Boyd Distinguished Professor for Teaching Award in 2010.

A researcher and frequent conference presenter, Hardigree received her juris doctorate from Walter F. George School of Law at Mercer University and a bachelor of science, cum laude, from William F. Harrah College of Hotel Administration at University of Nevada Las Vegas.

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## CLUB NEWS

The **Kiwanis Club of St. Petersburg Centennial Celebration** was a resounding success!

We had 84 members, family, former members and Kiwanis leadership in attendance at our October 4 dinner. The evening included a presentation by Al Karnavicius, with original photos, covering much of our clubs 100 year history. Al also produced amazing photo board displays so we could get a really great look at some of the photos that were in our archives which documented our clubs activities over the years. The night also included a friendly **fine master, Weyman Willingham** - who knew our members had such interesting and varied pasts?

Of course, it would not have been a true Kiwanis celebration without the appearance of **Carnac the Magnificent!** With the assistance of **David Feaster**, our Carnac makes only very rare appearances and he still has the see-all ability to know so much "truth of the universe" (and about our club).

**Past-President Sean Moore** presented the **Annual Club Awards**; **David Feaster** received the **Lay Person of the Year Award**, and **Chris Allen** received the **Kiwanis of the Year Award**. We recognized our legion of honor members for maintaining 25 plus years of membership. Our new club leadership team of Officers and Directors were also formally inducted by **Lt. Gov. Tom Hession**. We were very fortunate to receive congratulations and recognition from **Florida Kiwanis District Governor Sharon Moody**. **President Dan Stone** accepted the Kiwanis Orange Blazer and the Orange Vest (with pins courtesy of deceased member Harry Eisenaugle), and made the closing remarks to end a fantastic night.

It was great to see so many of the St. Petersburg Kiwanis family, past and present, at this event. We can all be proud of the great work our club, and it's members, have done in the support of children over these many years. **Thank you to everyone who organized and attended this event to help make our celebration so memorable.**



Sean presents the Lay Person of the Year Award to David Feaster.



Sean presents the Member of the Year Award to Chris Allen.



Florida Kiwanis District Governor Sharon Moody speaks at our Centennial Celebration.



New Officers and Directors.

## KLUB KOMMUNICATIONS

• **Are you following the Kiwanis LinkedIn Page?** If you are on LinkedIn please follow the Kiwanis Club of St. Petersburg. There is a Follow button at the top of the page. Click it and it will change to Following. Chris Allen has a goal of obtaining 100 followers to our page, which are needed for Chris to share posts on our page - you can help!

• Our **club website** has been redesigned for easier use. Please take a look using this [link](#), or visit [spkiwanis.org](#).

• Another great way to keep up with our club activities is on **Facebook**. Search "**Kiwanis of St. Pete**" and then click to follow / like our page. When you visit our page, please "Like" our posts as that helps the visibility of our site.

• **Text message updates** from the Kiwanis Club of St. Petersburg are now available. To opt-in for this service and be notified of important information text the word Kiwanis to 74121. Membership Committee Co-Chairman Chris Allen can help you enroll. Tip: when you receive a confirmation text for your enrollment, save the number that text came from as "Kiwanis" in your contacts list so you can easily identify any new, incoming messages.

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The Kiwanian and Kiwanian in the Know - Biff Baker (biff.baker5233@gmail.com)  
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## SAVE THE DATES

Field trip to **American Stage November 8**; this meeting will be held at American Stage, located at 163 3rd St. N., St. Petersburg, adjacent to St. Petersburg College downtown center.

The next club social event is tentatively set for **November** - check back here for more details.

The next **Fischer - Carr Birthday Bash** will be held Feb. 4, 2023.

Please mark your calendars for these important events. As more information becomes available we will post it here.

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