

February 1, 2024

Sun City Center
Shrine Club
Communicator

President's Message

January was a great meeting, and we had a wonderful meal. We only have 11 more, but who's counting?



Currently, the Board of Directors (BoD) is working on several items for 2024. The men that serve this club are the absolute best to work with. We all have one goal in mind and that is the Sun City Center Shrine Club! The items that we are working on are as follows:

1. A book for new members
2. An updated 4-year strategic plan for the club
3. A Club Roster
4. A Standard Operating Procedures Manual
5. A HUGE fundraiser – The Red Skelton Tribute

Membership

As I have stated many times ***“Membership is our lifeblood and by working together this year we can grow our membership. Each one of us are a member of the Sun City Center Shrine Club Membership team.***

It is not hard; all we must do is just ask! Last year we created 9 new members (lost 7 with net 2 gain). This year, my goal is to beat that number by +1. Our goal is 10!

So far, we have 3 new petitions that the board will vote on, so we are already 1/3 of the way there! However, we cannot sit back on our laurels and pat ourselves on the back, we need to continually look for and bring in new members. **Membership is a never-ending job! Remember, each and everyone of you are a member of the membership team!**

Volunteers Needed for Widows Group

I need a couple of our ladies to volunteer to head up our Widows group. I would like to see us bring back our widows and ladies from Shrine families. These ladies could become very valuable members of our club. I mean that sincerely! So, if you would like to work with our BoD on this, please contact me or any board member and let us know! Thank you in advance for helping us!

Red Skelton Tribute

Each month you will hear me talk about the Red Skelton Tribute scheduled for 19 October at the Veterans Theater in Kings Point. A huge THANK YOU to Sandy Nunn for securing the theater for us at no cost to the club! I cannot tell you how big that is.

We are also looking for sponsors! If you know someone who owns a business, ask them if they would be willing to help sponsor the Tribute. Just so you know, we are looking for a minimum of \$10,000 sponsorship. Not from one person or place (although it would make things a lot easier) mind you, but from several places.

Stay tuned for mor information!

My only request from you is please have fun in everything you do! It was why the Shriners were created in the first place. Fun and laughter is very contagious... it attracts others!

Do it Because You Can!

Thank you and God Bless each one of you and your families.

Chaplain's Corner

A Biblical View of Human Life

Genesis 1:26-28, 2:7

Several years ago, the subject of life and death has been front and center due to the starvation death of a brain-damaged woman in Florida named Terri Schaivo. Because of what that poor woman had been forced to endure, people around the nation and around the world started thinking about the issues of life and death.

Sadly, we are living in a world where human life has become a cheap commodity. It has become effortless to throw human life away before it ever appears in our world through abortion. And, it is becoming easier to discard those individuals that are seen as worthless and as being a drain on society.

In the Netherlands, which has a policy of legalized euthanasia, in 1990 alone there were 11,800 euthanasia deaths. These accounted for 9% of the total deaths in the Netherlands that year. In other words, nearly 1 out of every 10 people who died in the Netherlands in 1990 died by euthanasia, at the hands of a doctor, a nurse, or a family member. Of these 11,800 deaths, some 5,491 were performed without the patient's consent!

Today, I want to see what God has to say about human life. I think His perspective should be considered as we think about matters like the right to live, the right to die, abortion and euthanasia. In fact, not only should God's perspective be considered, it should be the final say in these matters. So, today, let's examine life from God's perspective. I want to teach for a few minutes on the subject, **A Biblical View Of Life.**

God is Sovereign in the Creation of Life

Every Human Is A Special Being

One of the primary truths that come from these verses is the fact that man is the product of God's creative power and not the result of random evolution. Man did not evolve from a single-celled organism over the space of millions of years; he is the special creation of God. You will notice that all the other animals were spoken into existence by the Word of God. Man, however, was formed by God out of the dust of the earth and God breathed life into the nostrils of man. The fact that God singled man out for special care in the creation lets us know that there is a vast difference between humans and the rest of the animal kingdom. We need to remember that every human is a special being; he or she is here because they are the special creation of God Himself!

Every Human Is A Spiritual Being

We are told that man was made "*in the image*" of God. This does not mean that man looks like God; or that God has a body like we do. It does mean that man was created like God in that man is a tripartite being. In the Godhead, there is the Father, the Son and the Spirit. In a man, there is the body, the soul and the spirit. God is a three part being; man is a three part being. God has intellect, will and emotions, and so does mankind. This is the primary way in which mankind can be distinguished from the members of the animal kingdom. Every person who ever comes into this world has three parts. They have a body, a soul and a spirit.

Club Dues

2024 Club Dues are \$30.00

Please remember to bring your dues to the December Luncheon.

If you will not be at the December Luncheon, you can either

- Pay your dues via check and mail to: Sun City Center Shrine Club, P. O. Box 5773, Sun City Center, FL 33573
- Pay your dues electronically by clicking [here](#). (A Service Charge of \$1.20 will be added to the total)

Monthly Luncheon



February 14 at Noon

Reserve Your Seat: [Click Here](#)

Chat & Chew

Our Chat and Chew will continue this year and hopefully we will see you at them. This is just a time for friendship and camaraderie, no business or anything like that. Just meeting up with friends and enjoying one another's company.



339 19th Avenue NE, Ruskin, FL

February 22nd @ 2 pm

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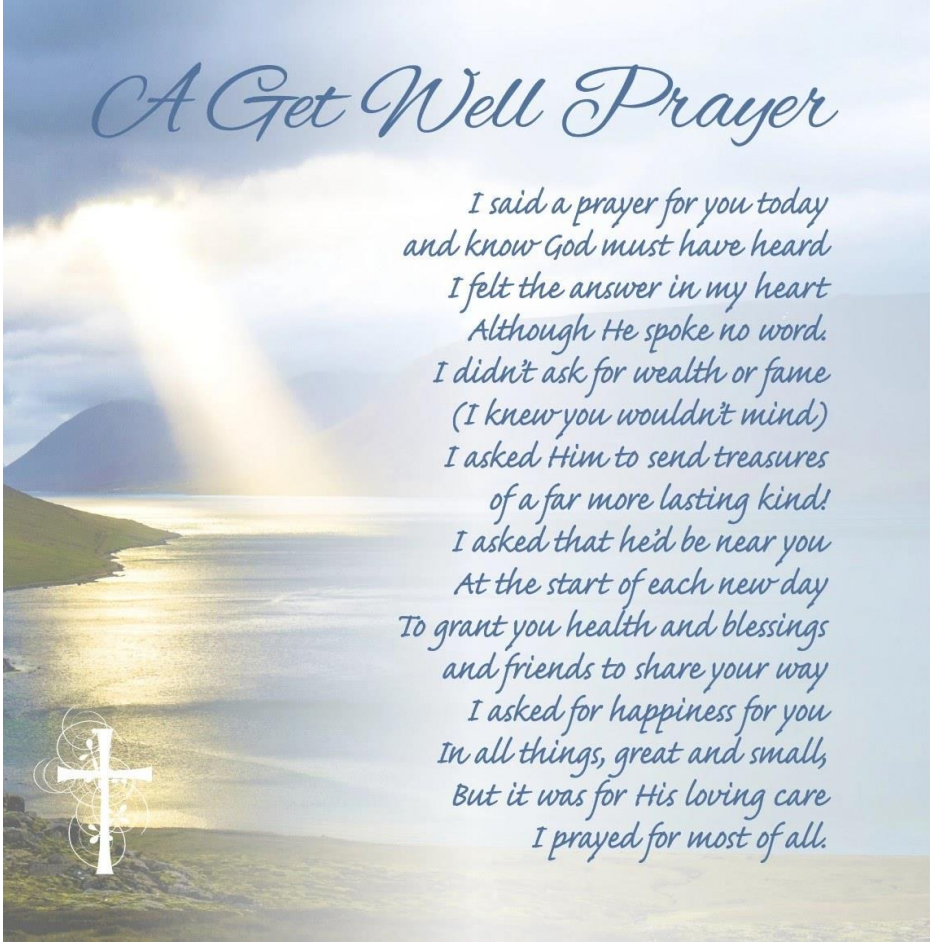


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Thoughts and Prayers

A Get Well Prayer

*I said a prayer for you today
and know God must have heard
I felt the answer in my heart
Although He spoke no word.
I didn't ask for wealth or fame
(I knew you wouldn't mind)
I asked Him to send treasures
of a far more lasting kind!
I asked that he'd be near you
At the start of each new day
To grant you health and blessings
and friends to share your way
I asked for happiness for you
In all things, great and small,
But it was for His loving care
I prayed for most of all.*



Bill Bierce

Pat Blevins

Janice DeCaluwe

Claus Harde

David Miller

Sandy Nunn

Bob Russell

Donald Stillson

In Loving Memory

Vernon Alfred Bartz, Sr.



Vernon Alfred Bartz, Sr., 87, a proud U.S. Navy Veteran passed away peacefully of natural causes on Aug. 25, 2023 at Togus VA Medical Center in Augusta. He was surrounded by family who loved him.

The son of George William Allen and Margaret C. McGill, Vernon was born March 26, 1936 in Rice Lake, Wis. He developed into quite a sportsman who participated in any and all sports in high school. He later became an official who officiated over 10,000 football, baseball, and basketball games.

He valued his time in the Navy and attained the rank of Chief Petty Officer (E-7). He served during the Korean War and the War in Vietnam, where he volunteered for river patrols and manned twin .50 caliber machine guns on Patrol Boat, Riverine (PBR). After his career in the Navy, Vernon continued his tradition of service, attaining high ranks within the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Shriners, and the Scottish Rite of Free Masonry.

Vernon is survived by his beloved sister, Barbara Dillard of Lebanon, Tenn.; his first wife, Barbara Jean Kenyon, and their children Susan Kate Bradley, Vernon Alfred Bartz, Jr., Judith Lynn Hiney, and Daniel Lee Bartz. Vernon became Dad to the children of his second wife, June Green, who preceded him in death, and who are Debra Delano, Christine Johnston, Vickie Hawkes, and Sally Lester. Vernon is survived by his

third wife, Renate, who is a resident of Canada. In addition to his eight children, Vernon is survived by 20 grandchildren; and 31 great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Friday, Sept. 1 from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. at David E. Desmond and Son Funeral Home, 638 High St., Bath, ME 04530. A service honoring the life of Vernon followed at 6 p.m. in the same location.

To share your thoughts and condolences with the family, please visit <http://www.desmondfuneralhomes.com>

Upcoming Events

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