

Meet Our Speaker: **Ron Stephens**

Ron is leading a large group of active homeowners and civic minded volunteers who want to preserve the Tides property. Mr. Alberding, owner of the Tides Bath Club on Redington Beach back in the late 1960's, kept hearing from his visitors from all over that our beaches were beautiful and our restaurants great. The Tides gave them everything but a local golf course until their responses became a roar that a golf course was desperately needed.

Mr. Alberding was very successful and in order to bring their experience full circle, he bought the Tides property in the early 1970's and the golf course was completed in 1973. It was a huge success and actually increased visitor traffic from then on.

The Tides Golf Course was in the black and making money as a golf course. Attendance was up in 2012 and golf course managers and local suppliers were raving about attendance increasing every year. Pinellas is the most densely populated county in Florida and in danger of being "built out". It became very apparent that the Tides property would be highly sought out as prime land for development.

Thousands of birds and hundreds of other wildlife live on the Tides property. The course has wide open spaces and an excellent lakes and waterways. Endangered species live there, two bald eagles, ospreys, owls, rosetta spoonbills and sandhill cranes all call the Tides their home. Otters, raccoons, snakes, turtles, armadillos, woodpeckers and white ibis all co-exists together. Manatees can be seen in the Conservation Preservation Area waterways. Snook, redfish, trout and mullet by the thousands inhabit the waters around the golf course.

The Save Our Tides group is requesting the Pinellas Board of County Commissioners/Zoning Board deny changes to the Current Golf Course zoning. Protect the Tides Golf Course property and preserve the property as "Open Space" prohibiting the future construction of homes, condominiums and apartments. We urge the County to continue to maintain the estuary as "Green Open Space" so that generations of Eagles, Egrets and Owls may continue to use their rightful nesting area. And, protect the trees and native greenway found on the Tides Property.

Rotary Birthdays:		Anniversaries:	
Paul King	May 4	Jim Woodworth	May 25
Terry Collier	May 10	Joe Rosati	May 28
Bob Fedor	May 17	Ruth Berry	May 28
		Hank Houser	May 30
		Tom Limroth	May 1, 1992
		Lorie Whitney	May 4, 2005
		Phil Crow	May 10, 2006
			27 years
			14 years
			13 years

Rotary Club of Seminole Officers 2018-2019:			
President	Ginger Hayes	Sergeant at Arms	Frank Tanzella
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ROTARY 2018-2019

Club Number 4289

May 1, 2019

PRAYER FOR TODAY: Thank you, dear Father, for the beauty of our world. Open our eyes so that we never miss a moment of the wonder surrounding us. Amen.

PROGRAM THIS WEEK: Ron Stephens, Save Our Tides

PROGRAM NEXT WEEK: Lt. Haisch, Pinellas County Sheriff's Office, Pinellas Safe Harbor

PROGRAM LAST WEEK: Forrest Feld, Feld Technology, Cyber security

Upcoming Events:

- May 15th Larry Peggs
- May 22nd Phil Crow
- May 29th Eva Jones
- June 5th Tim Tran
- June 12th Tom Limroth
- June 19th Mike Lurie
- June 26th Installation Banquet