



# ALUMS, Inc.

Celebrating 45 Years

December 2024

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## MONTHLY LUNCHEON MEETING – DECEMBER 13, 2024

### President's Corner

Greetings Santa's Elves, Want to Be's and Givers of Joy – Not sure how this happened, but it's already the holiday season again!! Whatever you're doing in your own lives during this time of year, remember to think of others – those who are in temporary shelters due to storms, folks living alone that would appreciate a place at your table, maybe your neighbor down the street, a fellow Alums member...

You may have noticed I use the word "Joy" a fair amount of time. That's because we can **ALL** give that special feeling to others with little expense to ourselves and actually with amazing dividends (I personally practically levitate when I've done something to make another happy). Sprinkle a little joy as you go through the season.

I hope to see many of you at activities in addition to the monthly luncheons...Karen has an outing planned for the 5<sup>th</sup>, Cathy Sutrina has a fun Happy Hour Honeys planned at Mattison's 41...a favorite for the last two years. The bartender mixes up some delightful frozen drinks with holiday themes and flavors. Vern's planned a unique and special program for December.

We love seeing each of **YOU** and encourage you to bring more friends to join us. Reach out to anyone you don't know at our meetings...you'll make your day and theirs' too.

Lots of Love and Joy –  
Stephanie

***Failure is not the opposite of success. It is part of success. Anonymous***

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<http://alumsincsarasota.com>

**ALUMS, Inc. of Sarasota**



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## HAPPY HOUR HONEYS

### MATTISON'S FORTY-ONE

7275 S Tamiami Trail  
Sarasota, FL

House Wine, Beer \$5  
Well Cocktails \$6  
\$2 off all other wines and spirits

Guests are welcome

JOIN CATHY AND OTHERS ON  
TUESDAY  
AT A GREAT SOCIALIZING BAR

**Tuesday, December 10 4 – 6 PM**

Contact Cathy Sutrina if you plan to  
attend

Cathy Sutrina@gmail.com





## Holiday Luncheon

Alums will kick off the upcoming Holiday Season by enjoying an ensemble of musicians from Strings Con Brio. The musicians who will be playing for us are selected from their 60-piece orchestra. Strings Con Brio performs around our community in churches or other public venues. Their performances are free and delightfully entertaining. As they play their music, if you are so inclined, feel free to join in and sing the lyrics to your favorite holiday or other tunes.

### About Strings Con Brio

Strings Con Brio was incorporated in 2015 and received nonprofit 501 (c)(3) designation in 2016. The organization began with providing collaborative performances for events in the community, and now performs as a conducted ensemble. Musicians range in age from student through professional level and are all volunteers, including its leadership.

Founder and Executive Director Monica Sirocchi is a violinist in Strings Con Brio. She holds a Masters of Nonprofit Management, Bachelor of Science in Health Science and Administration, and a minor in music. Monica has coordinated collaborative performances with music ensembles since 2008 and has worked with nonprofit organizations in Sarasota and Manatee counties since 2010.

Conductor and Artistic Director Kenneth Bowermeister is the former Music Director and Conductor of The Venice Symphony and The Pops Orchestra. He held the position of Assistant Concertmaster of the Florida West Coast Symphony (now the Sarasota Orchestra) for 21 years and served as Orchestra Director at Pine View School for 30 years. [www.stringsconbrio.org](http://www.stringsconbrio.org)

### Gift Exchange

This year instead of the gift exchange, we ask you to bring a donation for the All-Faiths Food Bank. Madlyn will have a basket at the sign-in desk into which you can drop **your check made out to: All-Faiths Food Bank or cash**. It is our way to celebrate the holidays through giving a gift which is so dearly needed and will be so gratefully appreciated. After the year we have had, we all feel the need to help those that we can. And what is always a huge need in our area is assistance from the food bank.



**OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH AND SOCIAL GROUP COMBINED  
FOR LUNCH THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup> AT 11:30 AM**

**University Town Center [UTC]**

**170 University Town Center Dr., Suite 103, Sarasota**

**AND AFTER LUNCH, YOU HAVE THE OPTION TO GO TO  
“LUX-ART SILKS; CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS”**

**(off 301 and Tallevast at 8155 25<sup>th</sup> Ct. East) (See next page)**

Discover what is appearing on the menu at “Seasons” this week; just 52 weeks in the year. Many unique options to select from like flatbreads, soups and entrée salads, Mahi Mahi Tacos, Lump Crab Cake Sandwiches, Wood Grilled Steak Tacos, Grilled Chicken Caprese Sandwiches, Sesame Grilled Salmon, Maui Tuna Crunch, etc.

**Let dessert be your choice from an assortment of *Mini indulgences!***

Turtle Cheesecake

Key Lime Pie

Pecan Pie

Raspberry Chocolate Chip Cannoli

Cookies ‘N’ Cream



**RESERVATIONS FOR SEASONS 52:**

Gloria Tlusty 941-962-9373;

[gtlusty@verizon.net](mailto:gtlusty@verizon.net)

(no texting please)

## SEASONS GREETINGS

### Lux-Art Silks; Christmas Traditions

Get into the spirit of the Holiday Season by joining the Alums, **Thursday** afternoon **December 5, 2024** to experience some “retail therapy” at Lux-Art Silks; Christmas Traditions. Become inspired and feast your eyes on beautifully decorated, themed Christmas trees, wreaths, swags, and garlands. You can even buy ornaments right off the trees and throughout the store. Lux-Art Silk is widely known for their gorgeous floral arrangements. In addition to Christmas arrangements, they also have other seasonal & decorative ones available now. There is a warehouse in the back with many items for DIY projects or to just adding some pizzazz to decorations you already have by adding a fresh bow or some decorative picks. Be creative with your gifts for family and friends, stock up on hostess gifts for those holiday parties, or treat yourself to something special.

***“Remember it’s all about good friends and good shopping” Author Unknown.***

First, we will have lunch at Season’s 52 located at 170 University Town Center Drive, Sarasota 34243 at 11:30 am. After lunch we will drive west along University Parkway and turn right on US Route 301N and travel a short distance to 8155 25th Ct. East, Sarasota, FL 34243 to Lux-Art Silks; Christmas Traditions.





## SPECIAL INTERESTS CORNER

### Upcoming activities:

**NEW!!** Ladies' Golf to be held on the last Thursday of the month at 1 pm. We will gather at Village Green Golf Course. Must sign up ahead of time:  
Joan Magiet [jmjournals@aol.com](mailto:jmjournals@aol.com)

**NEW!!** Advanced Play Mah Jong First Thursday of the month starting in December.  
Sign Up: Joan Magiet [jmjournals@aol.com](mailto:jmjournals@aol.com)



### SAVE THE DATES

For Upcoming Alum's Socials

Thursday, January 16, 2025 - Tour ABC-7 WWSB TV

Sunday, January 26, 2025 - Steel Magnolia's play at Manatee Players



- Out to Lunch Bunch - December 5**
- Alums Board Meeting - No December mtg.**
- Lunch Lovers – None in December**
- Cocktail party - None in December**
- Stamping Class - None in December**
- Bridge - December 10 - 12 noon**
- Happy Hour Honeys - December 10**
- ALUMS Luncheon - December 13**
- ABC 7 Studio Tour - January 16**
- January Luncheon - January 24**
- Steel Magnolia's - January 26  
(Manatee Players)**



**FUTURE LUNCHEON**

**LOCATIONS:**

- December 13, 2024: Tara
- January 24, 2025: Stoneybrook
- February 28, 2025: Tara
- March 28, 2025: Palm Aire
- April 25, 2025: Stoneybrook
- May 23, 2025: Tara



**Thinking of You**

A thinking of you card was sent to  
Bridgit Campbell.

If you know anyone who is ill, or has a spouse who is ill, or has a death in the family, or just needs encouragement for whatever reason and could use a card, please call or email:

**Terry Passarelli**  
941-727-5428

# DIRECTORY UPDATES



## SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Birthdays	Kathie Connelly 219-242-0605 kathieconnelly@gmail.com Linda Baker 727-421-7607 Lbaker64@tampabay.rr.com
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### DIRECTORY ADDITIONS: PLEASE POST IN DIRECTORY UPDATES

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Anne Balekdjian	12/3
Phyllis Bowling	12/8
Carole Picuri	12/8
Carol Seltzer	12/9
Joan Sheridan	12/9
Judy Armano	12/13
Jane Follmer	12/16
Maggie Mulvihill	12/16
Joan Magiet	12/17
Elisabeth Barth	12/19
Mary Lou Falivena	12/23
Kate Lorenz	12/25
Elaine Ellison	12/26
Jean Drever	12/28
Chris Stout	12/31



**SPECIAL INTERESTS**

Bridge	Janet Lady 941-228-5637 jlady101@aol.com
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Men's Luncheon	Gary Olson 941-346-0378 govideoman@aol.com
Out to Lunch Bunch	Gloria Tlusty 941-962-9373 gtlusty@verizon.net
Stamping Class	Terry Dell'Amico 570-351-7453 teelee9@verizon.net
Happy Hour Honeys	Cathy Sutrina 708-927-3244 cathysutrina@gmail.com
Cocktail Parties	Mary Davidson marydavidson48@gmail.com Linda Pacella lmagazino@yahoo.com
Ladies' Golf	Joan Magiet jmjournals@aol.com
Advanced Mah Jong	Joan Magiet jmjournals@aol.com

**STAMPING CLASS  
TERRY'S CARD CLASS**  
Classes 3rd and 4th Mondays 1pm  
at the home of  
Terry Dell'Amico.

Terry at teelee9@verizon.net  
For more information.

**BRIDGE**

**2nd Tuesdays  
12 noon**

**December 10**

**Janet Lady  
jlady101@aol.com  
941-228-5637**

**LADIES HAND & FOOT**

**Hand & Foot Canasta**



Group meets at Heritage Oaks Country Club, Little Oaks Room on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Fridays. Gather at 9:45 - Game begins at 10:00 followed by lunch. Afternoon group gather at 11:30 for lunch in the Dining Room followed by game thereafter. \$1 donation for holiday luncheon.  
Nancy Clark  
941-926-2717.

**MEN'S LUNCHEON**

**STOTLEMYER'S SMOKE  
HOUSE  
19 East Road  
941-312-5969**

**December 11**

**Gary Olson  
govideoman@aol.com  
941-346-0378**

Deadline for January Newsletter  
Dec. 7th **PLEASE**  
Send articles to:

**Kathy Shambe  
609-558-2146  
kmsхамbe@gmail.com**

**MAY 3, 2025**  
**Orioles' Ed Smith Stadium**  
**Saturday | 8:00 pm**

Sarasota Orchestra presents Outdoor Pops Country Hits: Songs from Nashville Conductor, William Waldrop Vocalists, Grace Leer Rick Brantley "Everybody's life is a country western song," says the legendary Dolly Parton. American country music has won hearts worldwide with stories spun from heartbreak, hope, and a whole lot of humor. At this symphonic revue of country's cream of the crop, dynamic vocalists belt out anthems of unsung heroes and underdogs, from Martina McBride's "Independence Day" to Johnny Cash's "Folsom Prison Blues," while Sarasota Orchestra supplies the silky orchestrations that define the Nashville sound. Kick up your heels to country classics that crossed over to hits we all know and love, including Willie Nelson's "Always on My Mind," The Chick's "Wide Open Spaces," Charlie Daniel's "Devil Went Down to Georgia," and Lee Ann Womack's "I Hope You dance" plus "I Will Always Love You" and other Dolly Parton Favorites!

I need to know now if you are interested in attending in 2025. If we go as a group, we should have our usual seats in Section 219 which directly faces the stage and is under cover. I do not know the cost of the tickets so you would not be obliged to buy them until I know, in late December or early January.

Please send a text or email to me by December 15, 2024, if you are interested.

Thank you, Carol Morris

941-544-4669 or [cfmorris@comcast.net](mailto:cfmorris@comcast.net)



**RESERVATION FORM - LUNCHEON DECEMBER 13  
DEADLINE - NO REFUNDS AFTER DECEMBER 6**

Tara Golf & Country Club  
6602 Drewrys Bluff  
Bradenton, FL 34203

11:00 am Social Hour  
11:45 am Meeting  
12:15 pm Luncheon  
1:00 pm Program  
Spouses/Guests Are Invited

**ENTRÉE CHOICES:**

Herb crusted chicken with roasted red pepper cream sauce, rice pilaf, and sauteed spinach.  
Pecan encrusted trout with sweet potato mash, sauteed spinach topped with Beurre Blanc.  
Lo Mein with Chinese egg noodles, mushrooms, bell peppers, snow peas, broccoli,  
scallions, and carrots in a savory soy sauce.  
Warm rolls and butter  
Holiday Yule Log served with whipped cream.  
Iced tea and coffee included.

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE NOT INCLUDED.**

**Return reservation form with check for \$35**

**(no cash accepted) payable to: ALUMS**

Mail to: Mary Evans, 5791 Girona Place, Sarasota, FL 34238.

Call Mary Evans at 1-301-704-3772 or email her at mary\_evans28@aol.com

If you need to cancel or have questions.

Seating Requests - Please make sure the persons you request  
to sit with are attending the luncheon before submitting your request.

Reservations/Cancellations must be made a week in advance to receive a refund.



<b>RESERVATION FORM - LUNCHEON Dec. 13</b>	<b>NO REFUNDS AFTER Dec. 6</b>
Please reserve _____ places at \$35 per person	Check(s) for \$ _____ is enclosed.
<b>Chicken</b>	
<b>Trout</b>	
<b>Lo Mein</b>	
<b>MEMBER NAME _____</b>	<b>PHONE _____</b>
<b>GUEST NAME _____</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>HOUSE</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>PROSPECTIVE MEMBER</b>

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