

What is Tiger Bay?

The **Suncoast Tiger Bay Club** is a unique non-partisan political club, founded in 1978 to foster a better understanding of public issues. The Club meets regularly for lunch (usually twice a month) to hear guest speakers on all types of political and public issues of interest.



Our members, called Tigers, come from all walks of life: big shots and those just loading their guns. The single common thread is an acute interest in politics and public affairs.

Membership is open to the public - anyone may join.

Annual dues for a calendar year are **\$75.00**
(Prorated to \$40 after July 1 for new members)

What's in it for you?

Participating in stimulating programs, asking tough questions and interacting with some of the area's most interesting people lead the list of membership benefits. In addition to increased awareness of cutting-edge political and public issues, some tangible membership benefits are:

- Members-only special luncheon price
(Non-members pay slightly more)
- Eligibility to participate in the Question & Answer session with guest speakers
- Monthly "Tiger Growls" newsletter with details on upcoming events

Relax - there's no pressure! Attendance is not mandatory; members choose to hear those speakers that interest them. And, unless you're elected to the Board of Directors, there's no committee work or other obligation!

Here are a few of the speakers who have been brave enough to step into the "Tigers' Den!"

George H.W. Bush
United States President

Lawton Chiles
Florida Governor

Buddy MacKay
Florida Lt. Governor

C.W. "Bill" Young
U.S. Congressman

John B. Connally
U.S. Cabinet Member

Ellis Rubin
Attorney-At-Law

Mark Russell
Political Humorist

Peter Rudy Wallace
FL Speaker of the House

Dave Barry
Humor Columnist

Dempsey Barron
FL Senate President

Howard Troxler
Times Columnist

Joe Redner
"Strip Club King"

George Plimpton
Author & Speaker

Pat Paulsen
Presidential Candidate

Jeb Bush
Florida Governor

John Glenn
Astronaut & U.S. Senator

Lucy Morgan
Times Columnist

Ron Brown
U.S. Sec. of Commerce

Mel Sembler
U.S. Ambassador

Leander Shaw
FL Supreme Court Justice

Betty Castor
President, USF

Bob Martinez
Florida Governor

Tom Gallagher
FL Insurance Commissioner

Paul Tsongas
U.S. Senator

Rev. Pat Robertson
Religious Leader

Bob Butterworth
FL Attorney General

Frank Brogan
FL Lt. Governor

Connie Mack
U.S. Senator

Bill Nelson
U.S. Senator

Jack Eckerd
Businessman/Philanthropist

David J. Fischer
St. Petersburg Mayor

Gen. Alexander Haig
U.S. Secretary of State

Sandra Mortham
FL Secretary of State

Rick Baker
St. Petersburg Mayor

Martha Barnett
President, American Bar

Toni Jennings
FL Senate President

Bob Graham
U.S. Senator

John McKay
FL Senate President

Janet Reno
U.S. Attorney General

... and many more local and national speakers!

MEMBERSHIP BROCHURE

You're Invited . . .
to "carve up"
a politician
for lunch!



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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP - SUNCOAST TIGER BAY CLUB

Please complete this form and return with your payment to: P.O. Box 231, St. Petersburg, FL 33731-0231

Salutation (Please circle one): Mr., Mrs., Ms., Dr., Honorable

Name: _____ (Prefer to be called) _____
First Middle Last

Title/Company (if appropriate): _____

Address: _____
City ST Zip

E-Mail: _____

Check here if you'd prefer to receive the monthly newsletter via e-mail

Telephone: _____ (Business) _____ (Home)

PARTY AFFILIATION (Circle one): Democrat Republican Independent No Party Other: _____

FOR INTERNAL USE:

Tiger # _____ Join Date: _____

Pmt Amount _____ Ck# _____

Enclosed is my check, payable to Tiger Bay

Please bill my Visa MasterCard

Cardholder's Name: _____
Card Number: _____

Expires: _____ 3-digit V-Code: _____

Zip Code of Billing Address: _____

But wait, there's more!

We Tigers know that today's teenagers are tomorrow's leaders. We're dedicated to fostering youth interest in public affairs, and we put our money where our mouth is:

Margo Fischer Young Tigers Program

During the school year, we invite Juniors and Seniors and a teacher-chaperone from area high schools to be our guests for lunch. We extend full member privileges to these "Young Tigers," and some have even walked away with the Fang & Claw Award! The cost of their attendance is subsidized by individual contributions from our members.

Dorothy Walker Ruggles Democracy Scholarship

The Club gives annual scholarships to graduating high school seniors through the **Pinellas County Education Foundation**. The scholarship winners are invited to visit the Club so that they can meet and thank Tigers personally. Members contribute directly to the Scholarship fund when they renew their annual membership dues.

ANNUAL AWARDS

Presented annually for the purpose of stimulating, encouraging and recognizing exemplary public leadership, the **Benjamin Franklin Award** recognizes those persons who, through public appointed or elected service, have exhibited extraordinary integrity, courage and achievement.

Also presented on an occasional basis is the **Grassroots Award**, given to a citizen whose grassroots efforts have made a singular contribution to public policy, either by way of having had a beneficial effect on a public issue, or issues, or by contributing to a broader understanding of public affairs.

When do we meet?

Unlike some organizations that have set meeting dates, the Suncoast Tiger Bay Club varies its meeting dates to accommodate the schedules of our guest speakers. Many featured guests travel to join us, so we meet when their schedules dictate.

Notices of upcoming meetings are given in our monthly newsletter, posted on our web site and broadcast by e-mail.

Advance reservations are required.

Because our membership is so broad, we vary our meeting locations. Although many programs are held in the downtown St. Petersburg area, we make efforts to have some meetings in mid-county locations to better accommodate all of our members.

How political is it?

How Democrat was Harry Truman? Officially, it's non-partisan and bi-partisan. We don't endorse candidates or get involved in campaigns. We strive to provide differing viewpoints and debates whenever possible. Our only crusade is against apathy.

What's all this about a Fang & Claw?

Perhaps the most appealing benefit of membership is the ability to participate in Question & Answer sessions with our guest speakers. This members-only privilege is one of the most popular aspects of the Club. The coveted "**Fang & Claw Award**" is presented to the member at each meeting who "slashes through pretension or prevarication" with the toughest question of the day. Good taste and polite consideration are always encouraged, but our members are not fence-sitters - ask any past speaker!