

# Stonebridge Men's Club

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The sun is out, daily temperatures are rising, spring is here. Summer is soon to follow with many more events from the Men's Club to enjoy.

Our Meeting on March 25 started with a \$20,000 check presented to the AHEPA Service Dogs for Warrior Project accepted by National Project Chairman, George Karatzia. The \$20,000 was a culmination of a combined fundraising effort by the Women's, Veterans, and Men's Clubs. These funds will go to the breeding and training of four service dogs for Veterans with PTSD. This is in addition to \$5,000 for a service dog already donated to AHEPA this past November. Our thanks go out to the Community and Clubs for their support of this extraordinary project in support of our country's veterans. A special thanks



Mitch Nathanson

to Helyn Sloan who brought this noble project to our attention. This meeting also featured author Mitch Nathanson (photo) who spoke about his book, *Bouton: The Life of a Baseball Original*. He shared interesting insights on how Bouton collaborated to write his book *Ball Four* which has sold over 5 million copies.

April 22, we hosted our annual breakfast meeting. Stonebridge resident Larry Wolfert presented "The Life and Times of Simon and Garfunkel." Larry shared an abundance of information about this dynamic duo starting with 1953 which was their early days in Queens, NY where they learned to harmonize. He reviewed their song writing accomplishments and their road to becoming famous, and then moved on to their ultimate breakup. It was truly an entertaining event. A sumptuous breakfast buffet was also provided.

Our May 20 event will feature guest speaker Bill Gillette on the American Cowboy. On June 24, the Men's Club will be entertained with a trivia night by



Left to Right: Don Marino, Grant Hess and George Karatzia of AHEPA, Helyn Sloan, John Russo, Ted Maffetone, Bonnie Sillick

Roy Cohn and include our annual Executive Board Officer Elections. August 5 will be our annual Charity Golf Outing, held at the Rossmoor Community Golf Course.

Other future plans include our annual evening at a minor league baseball game and a day of harness racing. The Men's Club has a lot going on and more to come for the balance of the year so don't miss out.

Anyone interested in joining or renewing their membership can email Marty Leffler at [membership@stonebridgemensclub.com](mailto:membership@stonebridgemensclub.com) or simply drop off a \$25 check in the Men's Club mailbox at the Clubhouse. New members will receive a Men's Club t-shirt.

As mentioned in previous articles, volunteers are needed to serve in various open Board positions as well as in Committees on next year's Board starting July 1, 2024 in order to help us keep the entertainment and charity activities alive. For more information about volunteering, please contact me at [president@stonebridgemensclub.com](mailto:president@stonebridgemensclub.com).

For additional information about the Men's Club, please visit our website at [www.stonebridgemensclub.com](http://www.stonebridgemensclub.com). We look forward to seeing many of you at our future events.

Be well, stay safe, and have a great spring and summer.