

**Tierra Verde Business Partnership  
Monthly Membership Meeting Minutes  
September 14, 2016**

At 12:05 p.m., Tierra Verde Business Partnership (TVBP) began its historic initial meeting at the newly opened aqua building of Island Grille and Raw Bar. TVBP President Hunter Grose called the meeting to order. He then invited attendees numbering 43 to introduce themselves and offer comments on their upcoming activities.

Among the highlights were that the local newspaper Paradise News is printed glossy now and NAVA Yoga Studio is continuing its first Saturday event in the Tierra Verde park by the baseball fields. This is a free yoga program. Capt. Larry Thompson of the TV Fire Dept. also announced more classes for the community emergency response volunteers. Info is at [readypinellas.org](http://readypinellas.org).

Tribute was paid to the Island Grille owners for the island's newest place to dine and drink. Bob Mueller reported that the Marriott Group Hotel plus swimming pool to go into the immediate area are in permitting stages and ground breaking is scheduled for November. He said the TVBP is the first large meeting held at the new restaurant. Plus, he added Island Cantina in the old spot, upstairs in downtown TV, opens Friday, Sept. 16.

Doug Izzo with the Beaches Chamber of Commerce informed of a Sept. 22 lunch workshop on the subject of conflict. Details online at [tampabaybeaches.com](http://tampabaybeaches.com)

Andrea Hawk said that membership dues forms were mailed with a Nov. 1 deadline to pay and be included in the TVBP directory. Also, members get a listing in the periodic flyer going out in publications such as Island Reporter and Paradise News.

Dan Reichard announced that ads for the directory should also be submitted and paid by Nov. 1. If businesses want to use the same ad as last year, Dan said no problem. Just let him know.

Hunter emphasized that the flyers circulated to many neighborhoods and communities surrounding TV will go out three times a year as inserts in local newspapers, the count as high as 12,000.

Rich Gonlin is busy collecting nominations for Person of the Year and Business of the Year. The first-ever last year's winners were Peter Clark of Tampa Bay Watch and Island Grille. Deadline is Nov. 4 and the announcement of winners is at the TVBP social on Dec. 7.

Leaving the TVBP board are: Bob Mueller, Judy Willis, Jack Kern, Rich Gonlin and Gaye Wurzbacher. Hunter and the TVBP audience widely praised all the service from these former officers and board members.

Hunter offered the new slate of himself as president, Annette Venable as vp, Dan Harter and Paula Stout as co-treasurer and Gary Eaton and Janis Froelich as co-secretaries. Andrea Hawk continues in membership with directory and communications still open. Dan Reichard is media director. Gaye moved the candidates be accepted, seconded by TVCA rep Tim Landt. The vote was unanimous.

Hunter reminded that Chris Stewart places a TV business on Facebook each Wed. Members are encouraged to share,

Hunter outlined the upcoming Oktoberfest, Sat., Oct. 15, from 4 to 9 p.m., benefiting the Miracle League. It's basically sold out as far as vendors and sponsors go but help is still appreciated (volunteers, buying a T-shirt). Capt. Larry announced a dinner at the fire house complete with ride on fire truck as a silent auction item. Rays players might attend as the Miracle League is for children with disabilities and the MLB team is heavily involved in helping the kids play ball.

Gaye had two events: Market in the Park, Sat., Nov. 13, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is a Tierra Verde Women's Club happening (Gaye is president). And the TV's annual Christmas Tree Lighting and Family Fun Day Sat., Dec. 13, from 4 to 7 p.m. This event supports the Lealman-Tierra Verde Fire District Holiday Toy Drive. Sponsors are greatly still needed.

TV resident Connie Langhorst of THINK Realty was an animated guest speaker. She told about how 500 residences aren't included under the TVCA umbrella because of the houses being built so long ago. So she formed "Friends of TV" to help the island with various projects and challenges.

Connie's passion lately has been the mural from the Guy Lombardo era depicting scenes from Tierra Verde as far back as 1300 AD. The hand painted art work, by Carolyn Jackson Gruber, measures 10 x 4 feet. This will be installed at Island Grille on Sept. 29 at a gathering from 4 to 6 p.m. A \$10 donation covers hors d'oeuvres.

TVBP members were reminded of a SCORE workshop on Sept. 27 from 6 to 8 p.m. Sign up at [www.tierraverdebusinesspartnership.com](http://www.tierraverdebusinesspartnership.com). This is where all the news is located plus details of all the events.

Finally, Rich Gonlin asked for remembrance of TV resident Kevin Hussey (Landstar Settlement Services) who passed away.

Hunter concluded the meeting at 1:05 p.m. Next TVBP meeting is breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>.