



# SIERRA TAMPA BAY GROUP CLUB



Explore Enjoy and Protect the Planet November / December 2017

## November Program & General Meeting:

**When:** Wednesday, Nov 8, 2017

**6:30 pm:** Social Time

**7:00 pm:** General Meeting and Program.

**Location:** Seminole Heights Public Library, 4711 Central Ave. Tampa (just south of Hillsborough Ave. and west of I-275, corner of W Osborne Ave.)

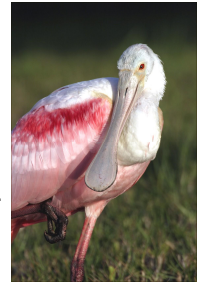
All Tampa Bay Sierra Club meetings are free and open to the public. If the Library parking lot is full, park in the fenced lot next door on the south side.

For more information contact Kent Bailey at [kent.bailey@florida.sierraclub.org](mailto:kent.bailey@florida.sierraclub.org)

**October 11 Program:** Nationally recognized birder Rocky Milburn presents "Specialty Birds of Florida"



Rocky will be highlighting several of the rare and endangered species that are primarily found in the Sunshine State such as the Scrub Jay, the Burrowing Owl, Roseate Spoonbill, American Oyster Catcher, Reddish Egret and more. If you've ever been on an outing or nature hike with Rocky, you know what a treat this will be. Rocky has a long history surveying birds for the USGS and ELAPP. And he has been the winner of the June Challenge 2 of the last 4 years, spotting more birds than anyone in the entire state. He spent 10 years working as Audubon national staff on the Roseate Spoonbill Alafia Banks project. Experience birders and novices alike are sure to learn more about Florida's birds from this expert presentation. Don't miss it!



## Sierra Club Annual Holiday Party December 13

**When:** Wednesday December 13

6:30 – 10:00 pm - Social Hour (cash bar) Dinner and Awards

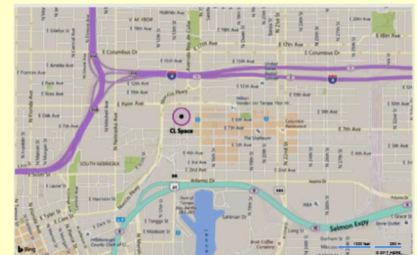
**Where:** Creative Loafing Place 1911 N 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Ybor City 33605

Our annual Holiday Party will be in a unique and historic venue located in the heart of Ybor City. Join your Sierra Club friends for a fun evening of celebration and festivities. Gary Gibbons will present a slide show and we will have a short awards ceremony to recognize Sierra Club volunteers. Dinner with refreshments and cash bar available. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend the Annual Holiday Party. **Space is strictly limited.**

**This event is sure to sell out so please RSVP** on our Meetup page from [Florida.Sierraclub.org/TampaBay](http://Florida.Sierraclub.org/TampaBay) **Tickets will not be available at the door.**

Please reserve your place via credit card or PayPal account.

Event Organizer: Karen Michalski [karenkaymichalski@gmail.com](mailto:karenkaymichalski@gmail.com).



## Cedar Key Climate Change Conference Friday, Nov 10 and John Muir Tribute Day, Saturday, Nov. 11 Presented by Sierra Club Florida. Join us for one or both days! Cedar Key Community Center

This conference presents experts on Cedar Key past and present, coastal adaptation planning, historic preservation, conservation, tourism and development priorities, disaster response and much more. If you live or work on or near a coastal island, this conference is for you!

**Saturday November 11** Some 150 years ago, Sierra Club founder John Muir traveled across Florida, landing in Cedar Key. The man, the myth, the legend. Come learn about his time here and join us as we re-dedicate the John Muir Historical marker! For details go to Florida Chapter website <http://www.sierraclub.org/florida>

## 2017 Executive Committee

**Chair: Kent Bailey**

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<http://florida.sierraclub.org/tampabay>

## **Biographies of the Candidates for the Executive Committee 2018**

**Kent Bailey:** Sierra Club member since 2001. Recognized by the Tampa Bay Sierra for work leading to the preservation of the 12,800 acre Cone Ranch in 2009. Joined the Sierra Tampa Bay Group Executive Committee 2012. In 2013 was elected to the Florida Chapter Executive Committee. Attended 2013 XL Pipeline Protest in Washington DC, 2014 for the People's Climate Marches in NYC 2014 and Washington DC 2017. Re-elected to the Florida Chapter Executive Committee in October of 2015. Member of Chapter and Group political committees. Currently serving as Chair of the Tampa Bay Sierra Group. I regard my work on the Climate Crisis, Sea Level Rise and Renewable Energy as generational debt.

**Christopher Gleason:** Native Floridian, and attended USF where my interest in environmental issues intensified largely from coursework and later on from my concern for what I was seeing locally and reading about national/ international issues. Active in Sierra Club for 2 years with my first experience being the Conservation Committee meetings. I have taken part in almost every aspect of the Tampa Bay Group; tabling, outings, Ex-Com meetings, chapter meetings, stadium recycling at USF games, and ICO. My greatest interests now are land use, comprehensive plan/zoning changes, land conservation (ELAPP), and mass transit/ transportation (TBX/TB Next). I attend as many meetings as I can in my county concerning these issues and hope to further my knowledge and influence by my continued involvement with the Sierra Club.

**Bob Howell:** Currently serving on the Tampa Bay Executive Committee as the Energy Chair, I have been active in Sierra clubs support of USF efforts in PV Solar energy. I have a considerable background in passive solar applications and have built several passive solar homes. I have built and or maintained trails for the USFS in several western states, and have worked on wildlife habitation and restoration in upstate New York. I have assisted in helping coalesce a group of Sierra Club members in Hernando County in forming their own local club. Diligently battling Pasco County on its reckless proliferation of housing along the 56-54 corridor. Recently joined the fight raised by the flooding issues in Pasco. I am pleased to run again for the Sierra Club Board.

**Bakari C. Kennedy:** Graduated from USF with Mechanical Engineering degree, a Florida Licensed Building Contractor, a member of the Association of Energy Engineers and is a Certified Energy Manager, also a member of the US Green Building Council. Director of Facilities and Sustainability Manager for Suncoast Credit Union Office. I also own Kenstruction Dynamics, Inc a commercial and residential Florida licensed building contracting firm. I have 20 years of experience in engineering, quality control, project management, and energy auditing. I have been recognized for services implementing MEP sustainable designs and received the 2017 Sustany Sustainable Business Award, 2017 Tampa Bay Planning Council Future of the Region Award, and 2010 GSA Region 3 Team of the Year Award for The Department of Interior. I look forward to working with the Sierra Club Executive Committee.

**Karen Michalski:** My daytime job as a support Chemist is assisting customers testing petroleum, water, food and pharmaceutical products. My evening is commenting at transit [TBX now TBNext and HART], BOCC, and land use meetings. I've been a member for about 10yrs. I've been active in the Conservation Committee and Recycling USF team. In the last 6 months I was certified as an outings leader, I have been attending Ex-Com and FL Chapter meet-

# The Nominating Committee of the Tampa Bay Sierra Club Group presents the 2018-2019 Executive Committee (Ex-Com) Candidates for election.

## MAIL IN BALLOT VOTE - BY December 1, 2017

I am a member of the Tampa Bay Sierra Club. I vote for the following **Five** candidates for the 2017 / 2018 term on the Executive Committee.

	INDIVIDUAL	JOINT
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2. Christopher Gleason:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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4 Bakari Kennedy:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5 Karen Michaslski:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6 Rocky Milburn:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7 Nancy Stevens:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**PLEASE VOTE** for only **FIVE** of the seven Candidates

One ballot for individual members, two for family members. Deadline for all voting is December 1<sup>st</sup>. Please include your 8 digit membership number located to the left of the printed address on the newsletter back page when voting.

**Mail vote to:**  
**Gary Gibbons, Nominating  
 Committee Chair**  
 c/o Gary A Gibbons  
 3321 Henderson Blvd  
 Tampa, Fl. 33609

<b>Membership Number:</b> <b>Individual:</b> <hr/> <b>Joint:</b> <hr/>
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ings to better understand local, state and national goals and partnership. I plan to work for better transit, smart growth, and protection of water resources. I ask for your vote for an Ex-Com seat and look forward for future requests to help improve our Tampa Bay area.

**Rocky Milburn:** As an avid birder, hiker and wildlife photographer, I have spent many years dedicated to wildlife and habitat protection all the while teaching our youth about our precious habitat and wildlife. I have been a life-long member of the Sierra Club, Boy Scouts of America and National Audubon Society, and a member of the Tampa Bay Ex-Com as the Vice-Chair, ICO Chair, and Outings Chair. I have been involved with many wildlife projects including the 10 year Least Tern Nesting survey in conjunction with the Tennessee Fish and Wildlife and continuing survey project of habitat with the Hillsborough County Environmental Lands Acquisition Protection Program (ELAPP). I have received the Tampa Bay Sierra Club Black Bear Award and the Florida Sierra Club Chapter Pine Tree Award. Currently serving on the Florida Chapter Executive Committee, Chair of the Florida Chapter ICO Committee, Chair of the Florida Chapter Save the Parks Committee, member of the National ICO Environmental Committee and the National Volunteer Leadership Action Committee and the Florida Representative to the National of Club

Leaders. I want to get as many adults and youth as possible outside and promote our beautiful State of Florida and all the while teaching about the environment.

**Nancy Stevens:** Caring for our common home is a responsibility I have taken to heart and the reason I am running for the Tampa Bay Sierra Club Executive Committee. My goal is to be an advocate for our planet and its people and to engage more members who are also eager to defend what we have or fix what is broken. Currently, as chair of the Tampa Bay Group Conservation Committee, I lead a team deeply involved in taking action on critical issues facing the region today. By applying my experience as an engineer and project manager to the environmental challenges we face I know as an Executive Committee member, I will be a strong voice for our Sierra Club positions on the key issues.



**TAMPA BAY  
OUTINGS**

SIERRA CLUB

Join our **Meetup**  
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all outings are  
posted. Go to  
[www.meetup.com/Sierra-Club-Groups-of-the-Greater-Tampa-Bay-Florida-Area](http://www.meetup.com/Sierra-Club-Groups-of-the-Greater-Tampa-Bay-Florida-Area) and click on  
Join Us! Receive notices when  
new outings are added.  
**Florida Seller of Travel**  
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To participate in the Sierra Club's  
Outings, you need to sign liability  
waiver, call: **(415) 977-5630** or  
[www.sierraclub.org/outings/chapter/forms/](http://www.sierraclub.org/outings/chapter/forms/)

**Please check details on these  
outings as well as others at the  
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**The Conservation Committee Report:** The Conservation Committee will meet on Monday November 13, and Monday December 11, 2017, at 6:30pm. Join us at St. Paul Lutheran Church at 5103 North Central Ave., Tampa, FL. We meet in the Snyder Building directly behind the church. Follow the Tampa Bay Sierra Club signs.

**Some of the currently pressing items are:**

\***The Hillsborough County Rooftop Solar Buyer's Co-op** has officially launched! If you are interested in learning more about purchasing solar, there is no obligation or fee to join. Go to [flsun.org](http://flsun.org).

\***Say NO** to sewage-effluent dumping on the Little Manatee River! Please note the Chris's Plumbing Hearing date has changed to Thanksgiving week. Mariella Smith continues to update.

\***ACTION:** Join us at the public hearing Monday, November 20 6:00 p.m., County Center, 2nd floor boardroom, 601 E. Kennedy, Tampa, FL 33602. For details about this proposed zoning permit, maps, and info about how you can provide your comments to the case, see this article: [bit.ly/septic-dump](http://bit.ly/septic-dump)

\***Push for Transit** for Hillsborough County, which has the worst funded transit in the country. We need to tell FDOT that we need transit and to increase funding for HART and plan for additional transit services.

\***ACTION:** To learn more about transportation planning, attend the Citizens Transport Academy, webinar series, every Friday at noon, register at <http://tampabaynext.com/citizenstransportationacademy>

\***Attend a FDOT Tampa Bay NEXT Community Working Group:** new meetings being scheduled. Call (813) 975-NEXT for more information.

\***Prevent urban sprawl:** Join the new subcommittee being formed to understand the plan and defend the rural areas from development encroachment.

**Nancy Stevens: Conservation Chair, 813-380-1668**  
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