



A Community #ForAllAges

March 2019

The Indomitable Spirit

Looking for an easy-breezy age-friendly activity that's good #ForAllAges?

Legendary photographer [David Burnett](#), a [Hermitage Artist Retreat Greenfield Prize](#) winner, will be exhibiting his work entitled "Fourth Quarter: Senior Athletes and Their Indomitable Spirit," at the Ringling Museum from April 13 to July 21, 2019 [Other work can be viewed year round at [Patriot Plaza](#)].

"After years of covering the Olympics and photographing top-level athletes, I was surprised and impressed by the numbers of people over 50 -- and in particular in their 70s, 80s, and 90s, who are staying incredibly active.



Is it to keep the affects of aging in check? That certainly is one of the results, seeing wave after wave of older athletes remaining competitive in everything from ice hockey to softball. My desire to photograph these athletes in the same way I would treat top-notch Olympians has yielded some wonderfully surprising images of virtually ageless competitors. Like most of these athletes, I am in the "Fourth Quarter" of my life and look forward to the energy and inspiration which comes from being around them.

I have long been impressed by the mental strength and commitment of top-level athletes for years (I have covered a dozen Olympic Games since 1984, both Summer and Winter Games) and yet I was surprised by the determination and gusto of athletes in my own age group (I am 72). You start to think of age as a very arbitrary way of measuring our lives when you see the way these athletes attack the field of play. It's inspiring, it's exciting, and it's a lot of fun." -- David Burnett

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What's Important to You?



What is the future we want to create, and what will it take for that to be our reality?

We have a task at hand, and it can only be accomplished together. 1 CommUNITY, 24 Questions, and 1000 people.

Sarasota County's [Florida Department of Health](#), and [Age-Friendly Sarasota](#) have teamed up to support Sarasota County's community assessment which happens every three years.

The assessment will identify and guide the allocation of future resources for 3-5 priorities, [#ForAllAges](#). This assessment comes in the form of a survey available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#) and only takes 5-7 minutes to complete.

If each of us encourage two people in our

network to take the survey, together, we can

make a HUGE impact. Here is an easy cut and paste passage that you can include in an email or paste into Facebook messenger:

Creating our future begins with sharing our voice(s). Our opinions will help identify and shape 3-5 priorities for Sarasota County. I hope you will click on the link and invest 5-7 minutes to share your thoughts.

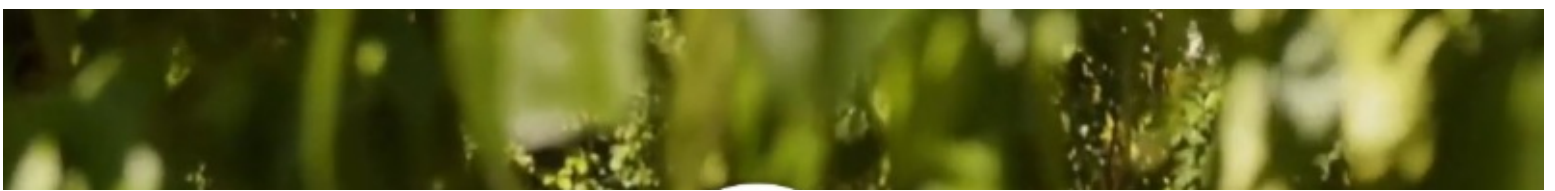
<https://www.agefriendlysarasota.org/blog/1-community-24-questions-the-county-wide-community-assessment.html>

Feel free to forward this to others in your circles.

With hopeful thoughts,

To date, 262 individuals have completed the survey. Let's team up, share our voices, and let Sarasota County Government know what's important to us!

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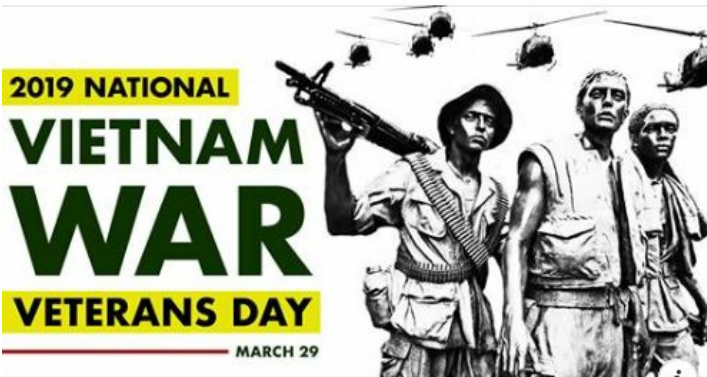


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AARP is accepting applications for the 2019 Community Challenge grant to fund "quick-action" projects that spark change in local communities. The program is part of the AARP Livable Communities initiative, which aims to make communities great places, #ForAllAges.

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2019 National Vietnam War Veterans Day - VAntage Point

VA Secretary Robert Wilkie thanks our country's more than six-and-a-half...

SAVE THIS DATE: March 30, 2019

The [Sarasota Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America](#) will host a ceremony at [#PatriotPlaza](#) to honor Vietnam veterans on Saturday, March 30 at 10:00am.

"On behalf of the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Veterans we are deeply honored to serve, I want to say thank you to our country's more than six-and-a-half million living Vietnam Veterans and their families."

NATIONAL



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"Most people dread the inevitable declines associated with aging. But to hear the residents of Riverdale tell it, senescence gets a bad rap. In Jenny Schweitzer Bell's short documentary, *The Blessings of*

Getting Old, dozens of elders share how their lives have improved in their twilight years."

-- The Atlantic

[While you are there, look for [David Burnett's](#) photograph which is embedded in glass and marble.]

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