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Tidewell Foundation's 14th annual Signature Luncheon features former Army combat surgeon

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Tidewell Signature Luncheon puts focus on veterans care

The Tidewell Foundation will honor veterans during its 14th annual Signature Luncheon on March 3 at The Ritz-Carlton in Sarasota featuring former Army Major and 1st Battalion Surgeon Sudip Bose.

Bose, a Bronze Star recipient in the Iraq War, is recognized worldwide for techniques he developed in the battlefield that are now used in emergency rooms. He was chosen to treat Saddam Hussein after the dictator was captured by the U.S. Army in 2003. He is a physician, a medical correspondent for major news outlets, and an entrepreneur. He also received the the Combat Medical Badge and the U.S. Army Commendation Medal.

“His remarkable life and service will impress everyone,” said Delesa Morris, interim president of the Tidewell Foundation. “His message about calm in the face of chaos draws on the strength, courage and resilience we all have inside.”

The luncheon also will recognize the Tidewell Honors Veterans Program, which provides specialized care for veterans and their families, serving 1,079 veterans last year. Tickets are available at tidewellfoundation.org or by calling 941-552-7569. Bose also will take part in a free event (TidewellEvent@eventbrite.com) honoring veterans on March 3 at 4 p.m. at the Robert Toale & Sons Celebration Center, 4310 Solutions Lane, Bradenton.

Boys & Girls Clubs begins summer programs signup

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Sarasota and DeSoto Counties has opened online registration for summer programs. Youth ages 6 to 18 are invited to apply for the 2023 Great Futures Academy Summer Program.

The Great Futures Academy will run Monday through Friday from May 30 to Aug. 4 at Boys & Girls Clubs across Sarasota and DeSoto counties, including the Gene Matthews Club, 6851 S. Biscayne Drive, North Port; Lee Wetherington Club, 3100 Fruitville Road, Sarasota; Louis and Gloria Flanzer Club, 18 School Ave., Arcadia; Newtown Estates Park Club, 2800 Newtown Blvd., Sarasota; Robert and Joan Lee Club, 920 Gulf Coast Blvd., Venice; and Roy McBean Club, 1790 21st St., Sarasota,.

Youth will have access to adult mentors and opportunities that encourage academic excellence, leadership development, healthy habits and success after high school graduation. The Great Futures Academy Summer Program includes daily education, field trips, art demonstrations, physical fitness activities, technology instruction, and career exploration. Meals will be provided.

Middle and high school students are also invited to participate in specialized programs in leadership training, volunteerism, entrepreneurship, college and career readiness, and workforce development. For the online application, program details, and calendars, visit bgcsdc.org.

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