

# “Friends of the Seafarers”

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## Caring for the Port Community

October was exciting but busy with all that goes into putting on the Anchor Ball. The event turned out wonderfully and we were blessed by the results. We were able to visit 49 ships in October. We had 35 Seafarers visit the center during the month. 11 Seafarers accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior in October!!! Each month we are able to minister to approximately 1,800 crew members on cruise ships and 1,500 crew members on cargo vessels. We appreciate your prayers and support which makes all of this possible.

### Seafarer Center Volunteer takes top spot at Senior Games

Wilson Greenfield, we know him as Mr. Wilson, has been volunteering at the Seafarer Center for about 12 years now. He does all of the ship visits at what we call Port Tampa which is across town near MacDill Air Force Base. It is not uncommon to get a call from a ship's captain and have him ask us if we can send Mr. Wilson over to see them. They all love Mr. Wilson! This last month Mr. Wilson competed in the 2013 Tampa Bay Senior Games and took the Overall Male award. He competed in Bowling, Darts, Pool, Basketball, Corn Toss, Horse Shoes, Shot Put, Disc, and Run and Jump. Besides visiting the ships for us Mr. Wilson also collects aluminum cans and in the last 10 years or so has collected over 970,000 aluminum cans which he has sold for over \$17,000, all of which he has given to support either the seafarers or some other charitable cause. Mr. Wilson is an Air Force veteran and we are proud of his service to both the Country and to the Seafarers. Mr. Wilson and his lovely bride will celebrate 49 years of marriage on November 6th. Mr. Wilson is a member of First Baptist Church of Port Tampa. Oh, I almost forgot... Mr. Wilson turned 83 years old on October 1st of this year!!! Below is Mr. Wilson with his trophy and him playing ping pong with some Seafarers.



### First Annual Tampa Port Ministries Sporting Clay Shoot Out!!!

Mark your calendars for December 6th for our Sporting Clay Shoot. You can download a registration form at our website [www.tampaportministries.com](http://www.tampaportministries.com)

### Volunteer Opportunities

If you're interested in any of these volunteer opportunities, please contact us. We'd love to talk with you about how you can use your spiritual gifts and talents to meet the needs of Seafarers visiting the Tampa Seafarers Center. God has called each of us to partner with Him in reaching the world for Christ. The world comes to The Port of Tampa — we need people who will join us in meeting them when they are here.

**Hosts/Hostesses**—Answer the phones and arrange transportation for seafarers and greet visitors to the center and make them feel welcome.

**Van Drivers**—Provide transportation from the ship to ministry center and/or shopping venues.

**Prayer Partners**—God moves through the prayers of His people. We are in need of people who will commit to praying for Tampa Port Ministries on a regular basis.

**Fundraiser Volunteer**—Fundraising is a never ending need for us so if you are gifted in this area we would welcome your help.