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PROGRAM CHAIR JAN, FEB, MAR - KLAUS LANG  
NEXT QUARTER—DAN DANNHEISSER

## THIS MEETING

**Moods of the Miakka**—Marjorie Floyd and co-executive producer Jono Miller have teamed with Emmy and Panda Award-winning filmmakers Jeff Palmer and Leslie Gaines to co-produce a film exploring the diverse landscapes, wildlife and human characters in the Myakka region. It will inspire people from around the



country to visit, appreciate, and protect this unique Florida landscape. Together we can protect the wild Myakka so generations from now, people will be able to go there to ranch, kayak, cycle, watch birds, camp, hunt, fish and introduce their children to natural Florida.



## FUTURE PROGRAMS

Jan 13 Pam Akins & visiting District Governors  
Jan 20 Louis Auricchio—Gift of Life  
Jan 27 BrenAnne Besio, S. Florida Museum

## DINING FOR WOMEN



**Monday, Jan 18 at  
6:30 pm.  
1771 Ringling Blvd.**

**This month's project  
is to help empower  
women in Mexico to  
improve nutrition  
and family**

**economies. To reserve a spot, contact Lois  
at [loisschaper@yahoo.com](mailto:loisschaper@yahoo.com)**

***"The most permanent friendships are  
born in service." - Paul Harris, 1912.***

## Rotary Night at the Circus

**Friday, February 12**  
**Sign up and pay quickly. Ringside**  
**Tickets are going fast.**



**SOME MEMBERS DID NOT RECEIVE  
THEIR THIRD QUARTER INVOICES.**



Treasurer Steve Cork emailed third quarter club invoices last week, but some members did not receive them. If you did not receive your invoice, please contact Steve ASAP at [spcork@aol.com](mailto:spcork@aol.com) or call him at 941 377-5845. Payment is due upon receipt. Prompt payment simplifies administration and improves club cash flow.

If you would prefer to receive a paper copy, please contact Steve to discuss your preferred method to receive your invoice.

## PREVIOUS MEETING by Ron Rayevich

Our own **Richard Russell**, Executive Director of the Sarasota Opera, provided the club with an excellent overview of the history of the Sarasota Opera, background on Giuseppe Verdi (1813-1901), and how it came to be that only the Sarasota Opera has performed all of Giuseppe Verdi's 33 operas. 2016 will mark the end of the Verdi cycle, which began in Sarasota 28 years ago under the direction of Victor DeRenzi. The 2016 season begins on January 30 with Verdi's spectacular Aida, and offers three other operas including Cosi fan tutte, Fidelio, and another Verdi, The Battle of Legnano. Richard Russell, who performed in one of operas at the Sarasota Opera House in 1989, led us through the amazing growth of the opera in Sarasota from its origins in 1960 to the \$9 million revenue producer of today. Thanks, Richard, for an excellent reminder of this jewel we call the Sarasota Opera.



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# YOU ONLY LIVE ONCE

*"One of the best two Rotary Holiday parties I have ever hosted!"* Bennitt Bates



## THE DALI

*"I have visited many museums but have never had a better guide than Suzi, and most of the people in my van pool were reasonably well behaved."* Roy Adams

