

# ROTARY CLUB of SARASOTA



**CHARTERED APRIL 12, 1926**  
**CLUB NUMBER 4339**  
**DISTRICT 6960**  
**ZONE 34**

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Classification: Real Estate Broker

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**SMILE** THE WEEKLY CLUB NEWSLETTER

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**This Weeks's Speaker: Mischa Kirby, Director of Public Relations and Communications at Selby Gardens**



Mischa, a GATOR, will talk to us about Selby Gardens and her charge to advance the Gardens' brand identity that broadens awareness of its diverse programs and priorities. She would like to cultivate meaningful

relationships with targeted, high-level audiences and key influencers. The Gardens have some challenges and emerging issues she would like to identify and coordinate solutions.

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**Nest Week's Program - Surprise**

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**EVERY SATURDAY MORNING FOR COFFEE!**

**Saturday Mornings at 9:00am – Panera Bread at Bahia Vista**

**Rotarians and significant others welcome at this informal Rotary social gathering.**

**EVERY MONDAY NIGHT FOR SNACKS AND DRINKS!**

**Monday Evenings at 5:30 pm – Social Eatery and Bar -1219 First St. Bring a Friend!!!**

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**ANNOUNCEMENT**

**FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

**Information Meetings:** The next Information Meeting will be Tuesday, March 21, 5:30 pm. 1771 Ringling Blvd Board Room. Parking and entry instructions will be on the invitations. Sponsoring Rotarians are expected to accompany their proposed member.

**Orientation Socials:** for Red Badge and Blue Badge Rotarians will begin in April. At present, there will be regularly scheduled Orientation Socials every two months. Time and place to be announced at a later date.

**PREVIOUS MEETING (3/1/17) by Ron Rayevich**

On March 30, at 11:30 we are all invited to **Children First** for the dedication of \$8,000 of play ground equipment that the Rotary Club of Sarasota Foundation purchased on behalf of our Club. It was great to have **Philip Tavill, President and CEO of Children First**, with us to explain exactly what **Children First** is all about and how the 180 employees of that organization go about helping 700 children in our community. As the local Head Start provider in Sarasota, some of the poorest children from age 6 weeks through pre-K are provided with a supportive environment in which to grow, learn and develop. **Children First** strives not only to help children in its early childhood education programs, but their parents and grandparents as well, to help break the cycle of poverty, addiction, and mental illness which keeps families impoverished. **Children First** is among the top ten programs of excellence in the nation that provide Head Start services. Thank, Philip, for sharing with us, and for your 21 years of dedicated service at **Children First** and to our community.

**CLUB SOCIAL AT CHILDREN FIRST TO DEDICATE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FUNDED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF SARASOTA FOUNDATION. 11:30 AM MARCH 30. RESERVE WITH JIM HENRY 955-8761 OR [jrhjr@jimhenrybooks.com](mailto:jrhjr@jimhenrybooks.com)**

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**Pantry Dates**

**Alta Vista: 3/02 & 3/23, 4/06 & 4/27, 5/04 & 5/18**

**Emma E. Booker: 3/07 & 3/28, 4/11 & 4/25, 5/09 & 5/23**

**Please see Nick Rossi for more information**

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**WHAT IS A ROTARIAN?**

**Rotarians, outside of their clubs, are active in as many legally constituted groups and organizations as possible which is why**

**ROTARIANS MAKE THE WORLD BETTER... ONE COMMUNITY AT THE TIME.**

**2016/2017 PRESIDENTIAL THEME: ROTARY SERVING HUMANITY**

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