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PROGRAM CHAIR APRIL, MAY, JUNE—DAN DANNHEISSER

THIS MEETING

Dr. Larry R. Thompson, a former member of our club, became president of Ringling College of Art and Design in July, 1999. As head of this premiere art and design college, he is transforming the way people think about art and design and why businesses must infuse creativity to thrive. He also advocates for “shattering the myth of the starving artist!” A lawyer and an educator, Thompson served as Special Assistant to the President of The Ohio State University, President/CEO of Flint Cultural Center in Michigan, and was founding Executive Director/ CEO of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum in Cleveland, Ohio prior to joining Ringling College. He is the former president for the Association of Independent Colleges of Art and Design and currently serves as a member of its Executive Committee, is Chair of the President’s Council of the Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida, and serves on boards of many local arts and civic organizations.

FUTURE PROGRAMS

March 30 - Club Assembly

April 6— Ashley Moore LifeLink Foundation

April 13- A Surprise is in Store

April 20— Howard Tevlowitz Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee



**April 19 Happy Hour Sarah
Lodge’s RBC Wealth Management
Group 1819 Main Street Suite 1100
5:30—7:00**



**April 25 Orioles vs. Yankees
Rotary tickets sold out**



PREVIOUS MEETING By Ron Rayevich

I had no idea of the scope and detail of the job of the Clerk of the Sarasota County Court. **Karen Rushing**, who not only handles that function, but is also Clerk of the Circuit Court, County Recorder, Comptroller and Chief Financial Officer gave us a excellent understanding of how her staff of nearly 300 faces both its legal and financial functions. During the peak of the residential real estate bust, her office was handling in excess of 300 foreclosures per month. With revenue and expenses exceeding \$770,000,000, Sarasota County, despite a challenging recessionary period, has been able to maintain a solid financial status as witnessed by its AA+ bond rating. Thanks to the hard work by those involved in our county government, **Karen Rushing** and her staff have been able to guide us through this difficult period. Karen indicated that the most difficult problem she faces currently is the lack of adequate State funding for the court system.



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