

# ROTARY CLUB of SARASOTA



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**This Week's Speaker: Al Carlson of  
Innovation Station**

Allen Carlson joined the University of Florida's College of Engineering in May 2016. Mr. Carlson's role is to launch UF's **Sarasota Innovation Station (an economic development and engineering education initiative) in the Sarasota region.**

Prior to this, Carlson spent 20 years with Sun Hydraulics, the last 16 years as President and CEO. During this time, Sun transitioned from a privately held company to a public company (1997 ipo / NASDAQ-SNHY). As a public company, revenue grew from \$50m to \$225m and with a market cap from \$50m to \$1.2b. Prior to joining Sun Hydraulics, Carlson served in various engineering, product management and sales assignments for Vickers, Inc. from October 1977 to March 1996.

He is a graduate of the Milwaukee School of Engineering and the Advanced Management Program (AMP 157) at the Harvard Business School

Mr. Carlson continues to serve on the board of Sun Hydraulics (NASDAQ:SNHY), the board of Tervis Tumbler, the board of Mayville Engineering Company, a regent at MSOE (Milwaukee School of Engineering). He also works with Owner Resource Group, an Austin Texas private equity firm. He is a member of the national visiting committee for the NSF funded Florida Advanced Technical Education (FL-ATE), was instrumental in launching the NSF and industry funded CCEFP (fluid power research consortium), is the past chair of the NFPA (National Fluid Power Association), past chair of the MAPI presidents council, and is actively involved with Junior Achievement.

**Upcoming Speakers in April:**

**April 19: Janet Ginn – Pines of Sarasota**  
**April 26: Mark Huey – EDC of Sarasota County**

Rotarians Make the World Better,  
One Community at the Time.



**PREVIOUS MEETING (4/5/17) by Ron Rayevich**

It's not often that we have a member of our business community talking to our club about building a company in Sarasota. **Art Lambert**, President of **S-One Holdings Corporation**, located right in downtown Sarasota explained how he and colleague began what was originally **LexJet**. Founded in 1994, the company was devoted to supplying the needs of wide-format, digital inkjet systems. Beginning with a small team the company has now grown to 165 employees with a distinctive culture which hires young college graduates and is today international in scope. Focusing on imaging and design professional service providers, today **S-One Holdings** not only provides careers for young professionals in Sarasota, but also is supporting nine different local charitable organizations active in the Sarasota-Manatee County area. Thanks, Art, for giving us an understanding of how businesses can be developed in Sarasota and how one retiree from New Jersey is helping to change the face of our community.

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**Stoves Save Lives For \$155! Stop the Smoke!**  
**Please contact Paul Mlotok at [paul@janaka.org](mailto:paul@janaka.org) for more details**

**Give to the Guatemala Stove Project!**

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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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**Upcoming Pantry Dates**

**Alta Vista: 4/27, 5/04 & 5/18**  
**Emma E. Booker: 4/25, 5/09 & 5/23**  
**1:30pm start times for all dates at both locations.**  
**Please see Nick Rossi for more information.**

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

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## Dining for Women

Project: Cusco, Peru.... the project targets education and economic sustainability.

When: Tuesday, April 18 at 6:30pm

Host: Heather and Geoff Gillon

300 S. Pineapple #802, Sarasota

Access Codes: Front door-2017\* Elevator-0800#84

Bring: A dish to pass and a beverage of your choice

Who: All Rotarian, friends, and guests

Enjoy: Fellowship and ethnic food. Learn about a country and culture.

RSVP: Lois Schaper 941-388-8492 or [loisschaper@yahoo.com](mailto:loisschaper@yahoo.com)

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### **Tribute to Charlotte, by Don Bruns**

You could write a book about our friend, Charlotte Ryan. A forty-year cancer survivor, an involved Rotarian, a person who championed felons who were trying to integrate back into our community. Charlotte lost her daughter Erin, and formed a foundation that helped fund a camp for children who had lost a family member. Stories have been written about her perseverance with her condo, Dolphin Towers. When the foundation was discovered to be unsafe, President Charlotte took on the cause and battled insurance companies and a host of other entities, finally getting the project completed.



You could write volumes about her work with the Selby Library, her contribution to the John D. MacDonald 100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration, and how she helped spearhead the John Jakes Scholarship program at New College. You could write a book about the lady. But the heart of the book, the heart of the woman, was in her sincere, caring, nurturing approach to everyone she knew.

Did she have a spark, a temper, a little feistiness? Oh yes, part of her personality. But to anyone who walked with her, talked with her, broke bread with her, it wasn't even her giving nature that was her best feature. She genuinely loved people, and anyone who knew her, even in just passing, she made them feel better about themselves. A touch, a kind word, a compliment, a funny line. Even as she was suffering inside.

You could write a book about our friend, Charlotte Ryan. And it would be an inspiration to a generation. RIP our good friend. You were one of a kind.