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About This Week's Speaker: Bob Harrigan... ABC 7 Weather

Bob graduated from the University of Kansas with a degree in Atmospheric Science. Before coming to Sarasota in 1985, Bob worked for the National Weather Service as a weather observer, and as an instructor in weather forecasting and micro-computer classes at the University of Kansas.

Bob has a unique perspective on Hurricanes. He was able to experience the power of these storms close up. In 1996 he flew into the eye of a 115 mph hurricane named Bertha aboard the famed Hurricane hunter aircraft. In 2004 he boarded NOAA's hurricane hunter aircraft, the P3 Orion, and flew into an even stronger storm named Ivan. Strong storm systems can pop-up quickly here on the Suncoast, and Bob always makes sure viewers are armed with the knowledge to help get them through severe weather in our area.

Bob has been voted by the Bradenton Herald readers as the "Best Television Meteorologist" in the Tampa bay area over 5 times. He has also been voted the "Best Television Personality" by Sarasota Magazine several times.

Besides weather Bob enjoys playing golf and fishing. In fact, you can catch his fishing segment "**Fishin' with Bob and Capt. Jonnie**" on Thursdays at 11 p.m. and again on Friday's 5:30 newscast.

Bob volunteers his time with countless non-for profit organizations, raising money and awareness for some wonderful causes. He provides valuable hurricane and severe weather seminars each year for Suncoast residents. "The Suncoast is the lightning capitol of North America," and it's essential for survival to know safety tips that can save lives."

Bob has been designated a Certified Broadcast Meteorologist by the American Meteorological Society.

Bob resides in Bradenton with his wife Susan, daughter Emma Grace and 3 step children.

Today's Topic: Our Suncoast Weather

Next Week's Speaker: Jasmine Garcia

"Making Strides Against Breast Cancer"

Future Speakers:

9/7: Chris Spano.....Tampa Bay Buccaneers

9/14: Jim Henry.....Giving Challenge/School based Dental Program

9/21: Ben Bates.....Club Assembly

9/28: JOHN ROGERS.....NBC NEWS CHANNEL 8

GIVING CHALLENGE UPDATE by Rick Hughes

As of August 17th, we have 40 of our 96 members pledging to the Giving Challenge matching opportunity. That's 42% - well on our way to our goal of 100% participation!

And another 7 Rotarian spouse/friends or family members have pledged too!

Remember... anyone can participate in this challenge, so share Rotary with your friends and encourage their donation!

Also, remember that donations can be made **only on-line during the 24-hours of the Giving Challenge, by credit card**. If you are traveling or otherwise can't make the donation yourself, you can provide credit card info to Rick Hughes; who will input it for you on that day.

Need more info? Call Rick at 374-5896 and you can find forms on the Rotary club of Sarasota Foundation web site
<http://www.rotaryclubofsarasotafoundation.org/>

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PREVIOUS MEETING (8/17/16) by Ron Rayevich

I can't say I really knew very much about the **Sarasota Open**, other than what I saw in the sports page of the *Herald Tribune* and *Observer*. When the tournament moved to Lakewood Ranch, I really lost interest. According to **Tony Driscoll** and **Karin Weichlein**, respectively the founder and "queen of volunteers" of **TDA Global Sports Marketing**, next April's tennis classic is moving to the *Sarasota Bath and Racket Club*. To date over 250,000 attendees have enjoyed the Sarasota Open. The prize money for the 2017 tennis tournament has increased to \$125,000! TDA is also involved with the Sarasota Music Half Marathon and the Longboat Key Triathlon. It was very interesting to hear about these three programs and how successfully they are evolving. We appreciate Tony and Karin taking time away from their busy schedules to share stories of their involvement in Sarasota's developing athletic centric industries.



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