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THIS MEETING

PROGRAM COMMITTEE CHAIR—BOB JOHNSON

This Week — Terri Wonder, PhD., a former Army Civilian Social Scientist embedded with combat personnel in Iraq between 2008 and 2010, will give a presentation on how she predicted in 2010 that Islamic State would organize to topple the government of Iraq. She will also delineate a set of cultural-military recommendations vital to de-radicalizing Iraq and inoculating it against insurgencies. Dr. Wonder's job in Iraq was to conduct ethnographic and statistical research on local populations in order to accurately advise future military operations aimed at pacifying and stabilizing the Iraqi countryside. She is an expert in militant Islamic fundamentalism and the cultural psychology of the Middle East. She lives with her husband in Bradenton, Florida, and grew up in Sarasota, Florida, graduating from Riverview High School in 1984. She is the owner and chief editor of www.nautilusediting.com.



FUTURE PROGRAMS

Sept 9 Johannes Werner What is happening in Cuba? Johannes is managing partner and editor of Cuba Standard and Cuba News.



Sept 16 Steve Padar on the Naval battle of Truk, from diving on sunken ships.

BOB SUMMERS, NEW MEMBER

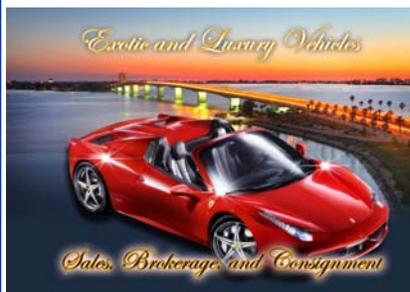
I relocated to Sarasota in November 2014. I am a former banker (26 years) and current Cancer Fighter for the American Cancer Society. I am the Senior Manager for Relay For Life which is the American Cancer Society's signature fundraising event. I work with hundreds of volunteers and four staff members to plan and hold 17 Relay For Life events across five counties, including 6 in Sarasota County. I am a former Rotarian and Past President of the Altamonte Springs Rotary Club. I am married to Dana, and we have three children, Kelly: 25, Ryan: 20, and Morgan: 18. Dana works for the Manatee School District, Kelly is a professor at University of North Florida, Ryan is in his junior year at UF, studying sports journalism and Morgan just began college at USF hoping to become a pediatric oncologist. Dana and I love Sarasota and can't wait to retire here!!! I look forward to getting to know everyone and being active in our club.



AROUND THE CLUB

Bow of Communications specialist **Lynn Roberts'** Alaska Cruise ship.

Financial Adviser **Sarah Lodge** is back in Hot'n Wet after vacationing in the Cool'n Dry Big Sky country. Page 2 features a letter to the club from **Judge Lee Haworth**, who received our club's 2014-15 **Non-Rotarian Citizen of the Year** award, and what happened to **Sean and Pat Skinner** in an Amsterdam museum.



Thursday, Sept 17

Suncoast Exotics: Host Jay Riggs

941-330-1601

5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

3623 S. Tuttle Avenue

Coordinated by Bob Summers

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PREVIOUS MEETING by Ron Rayevich

Sometime we have speakers who make us laugh, sometime they make us think about difficult subjects, but last week our speaker almost made me cry. **Scott Bill** lost his Navy Seal son four years ago in a tragic helicopter crash in Afghanistan. To honor his son and other Navy Seal parents and/or spouses who have lost their loved ones, and to help those Navy Seals returning from battle, Scott has launched a 501(c)(3) charitable corporation called Brian Bill Foundation, in honor of his son. He talked about his son, his graduation from Norwich University (America's oldest non-Federal military college), and his ambition to become a Navy Seal. He then explained how his son and 37 others were killed in the helicopter crash. The foundation is now engaged in raising the fund to purchase a beach house to be called Brian's House on Manasota Key. The House will allow those families who have lost a loved one or Navy Seals who are recovering from a difficult deployment to relax and recharge along our peaceful Gulf Coast shoreline. Thanks or sharing this personal story of love, bravery, honor, and resilience with us. God Bless you for your positive actions following the loss of your son.



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August 17, 2015

Mr. Joel W. Walters, Esq.
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Dear Joel:

I just received a copy of the letter you sent to Walt Smith with the donation to Kind2Kids Foundation. I had no idea the Club was going to be so generous. If I had known that, I would have talked longer. ;) The deserving children of the county and I thank you.

Please extend my appreciation to the Rotary Club of Sarasota for the gracious hospitality and the kind words you spoke on my behalf. This award means a great deal to me, coming as it did from such an impressive assemblage of Sarasota's outstanding leaders.

The evening was especially blessed as it allowed me the opportunity to catch up with my old friends, Bob and Pat Johnson. All the best to you and your fellow Rotarians. Your club is well known for consistently putting service above self for the betterment of our community. Keep up the good work!

Warm regards,

Lee E. Haworth

Dateline August 15, 2015 Circuit Judge Lee Haworth honored for 'judicial excellence'

"Circuit Judge Lee Haworth has presided over cases in all five divisions of Florida's 12th Judicial Circuit" Florida Chief Justice Jorge Labarga said recently as he presented Judge Haworth with the newly established **Chief Justice Award for Judicial Excellence**.



Look at who bumped into who in an Amsterdam museum!

From left to right: Pat Skinner, Pam Akins, Barry Levinson, Sean Skinner.

For the newer members, Sean is a member of our club. Pat, of course, is Sean's wife.

Barry and Pam recently celebrated several decades of marriage. Barry is president of the Rotary Club of Sarasota Bay.

Pam, a past Connecticut Rotary District Governor attends our club after Hot'n Wet.