

# ROTARY CLUB of SARASOTA



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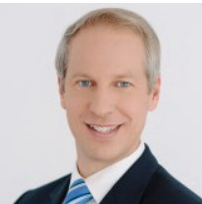
## THIS MEETING

**Sept 16 Steve Padar** on the Naval battle of Truk— Photos from diving on sunken ships. Steve, an expert underwater photographer and renown neurosurgeon, presented to the club this past June.



## FUTURE PROGRAMS

**Sept 23 Grant Boxlietner**, joined the SNN news team in October 2009 as a reporter and fill-in anchor. In May 2014, he became co-anchor of the SNN Morning Edition. Grant, a Desert Storm veteran, covered the British tourist murders, a story that made international headlines. He also covered 2012 Sarasota visits by Mitt Romney and Vice President Joe Biden. You hear his voice at Ed Smith Stadium as the Baltimore Orioles public address announcer for spring training games. He grew up in Marengo, Ill., and earned a bachelor's degree with a double major in journalism and political science from Northern Illinois University. He completed a master's degree in media and journalism studies at USF-St. Petersburg.



**Sept 30 Club assembly, President Vicente Medina**

## PROPOSED FOR MEMBERSHIP

If there are no written objections, the following will be inducted into the Rotary Club of Sarasota.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Classification</u>
Michael Breen	Bob Stone	Attorney, Business Construction
Larry Lieving	Anna Bartys	YMCA - Retired

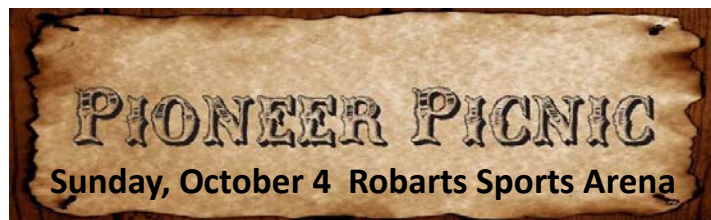
## ROTARIAN BEACH STROLL

**Lido Beach**  
**Saturday, Sept 19 - 7:45 am**  
**Lido Beach main parking lot.**  
**400 Ben Franklin Drive**  
**See Jayne Cory for details.**



## AROUND THE CLUB **Bob Stone's MinuteMan Press**

**has moved!** It is now located at 1746 10Th Way. Phone is still 941 955-5070. Teresa, Jessica, and Denise continue to serve customers while **Bob** keeps busy being **Bob**. **Meeting Make-up Empress, Lee-En Chung**, at Rotary Club of Chinatown, New York. **Ted Ewing** is back early from his North Carolina mountain hideaway. **Jim Henry**, one of many Rotarians at **Bob Johnson's** overflowing Requiem, was in long pants. Past President **Judy Bennett's** CRV is finally broken in -- it turned 100,000 miles.



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## PREVIOUS MEETING by Ron Rayevich

**Johannes Werner**, editor of the *Cuba Standard* and *Cuba News* - two independent financially oriented publications, explained the opportunities for investment in Cuba. Port Manatee, the closest deep water port to Havana, provides the Tampa Bay area with an excellent chance to trade with Cuba. However, Werner said that the reforms which will open Cuba to trade with the US will be slow in coming. Cuba, which has the gross domestic product the size of metro Miami and whose national debt would be rated as a junk bond by US rating agencies, will provide somewhat limited opportunities in the near term. The long term looks much more interesting, especially for resort, hotel and golf course development, which China, Brazil, Russia and Canada will likely be able to exploit sooner than the US. Mariel, a new deep water port just 30 miles west of Havana, offers some exciting opportunities for trade and technological development with companies in South Florida.



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