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## THIS MEETING



**Randolph G. Russell**, a native Floridian, holds degrees from the University of Miami and University of Florida, will speak about the state of American history and civics literacy in the country. He is the author of *American History in No Time*, a quick and easy way for anyone to learn the basics – in just one sitting. It is also a

refresher and great way for parents and grandparents to ensure that their families have a solid foundation. The book has been used at a number of colleges, including the University of Central Florida and Eastern Florida State College.

In addition to his expertise in American history, **Mr. Russell** is an accomplished musician who has played in Europe, toured the U.S. with a Broadway musical, appeared at the New York Jazz Festival, and performed with Tony Bennett, Burt Bacharach, Lou Rawls, and Billy Crystal. He held a number of financial management positions with companies in Florida and Georgia.

## FUTURE PROGRAMS

Dec 2 To Be Announced (*Improv by Vicente Medina?*)

## THANKSGIVING

*Humor Matters by Dr. Smith*

An traditional holiday where families all over America celebrated dinner at the same time ----- Halftime.



## ODE TO THANKSGIVING

To our national birds  
The American Eagle

The Thanksgiving Turkey

May one give us peace in all our states  
And the other a piece for all our plates.



Let's remember and be thankful that members of the Rotary Clubs of Sarasota, Longboat Key, and Sarasota Sunrise are working at these Title I schools to deliver food all year long to qualified families.

*(The % is the number of students on free/reduced price lunches.)*

**Emma E. Booker Elementary - 94.8% - RC Sarasota**  
**Alta Vista Elementary - 92.3% - RC Sarasota**  
**Tuttle Elementary - 90.6% - RC Longboat Key**  
**Booker Middle - 78.7% - RC Sarasota**  
**SSIS Elementary - 82.7% - RC Sarasota Sunrise**

**YOLO**  
YOU ONLY LIVE ONCE

**THE DALI MUSEUM**

**Rotary Day at the Dali Museum 11 a.m. Sunday Dec 20. \$19 in advance to Lee-En, \$22 at the door.**

**Holiday Party - Saturday, Dec. 19**  
**Amore by Andre on Longboat Key.**



## PREVIOUS MEETING by Ron Rayevich

As always, **Charles Alkire**, who chairs The Rotary Foundation committee (TRF) of our club, gave us plenty of information on the history of TRF and how our club interacts with TRF. Following a modest gift \$26.50 in 1917, TRF was officially formed in 1928 and made its first grant to Easter Seals the following year. After World War II and the passing of Paul Harris, the Paul Harris Fellows were formed as a way to raise significant sums for TRF. Today, TRF is a foundation with over one billion dollars in assets. Our club has 77 Paul Harris Fellows with **Nick Rossi** becoming a Paul Harris Fellow +6 and **Klaus Lang** becoming a Paul Harris Fellow +8 and six other members adding a Plus to their Paul Harris lapel pins. So far our club members have contributed right at \$500,000 to TRF which has returned a similar amount to club projects in our area. Congratulations to all those who has been contributors to TRF - let's keep up the good work.



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