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THIS MEETING

Jennifer Rominiecki – President & CEO of Marie Selby Botanical Gardens. Jennifer possesses nearly twenty years of varied and senior-level management experience at major, audience-driven, and complex New York City cultural institutions with educational missions and historic preservation aspects.



Future Programs

December 9 - Dan Kennedy Sarasota Power & Sailing Squadron

December 16 - Sarasota Police Chief Bernadette DiPino

December 23 - Rotary Singers

NEW MEMBER PARLANE REID "PAR"

Born in Long Beach, California and grew up on Catalina Island off the coast of Southern California ("26 miles across the sea" – Beachboys song). Moved to the mainland, went to college at University of California, then a post doc at Stanford followed by a move to the brand new medical school in

Farmington, Connecticut (University of Connecticut Medical School). After becoming an MD, traveled to University of Florida faculty before coming to Sarasota. In the past, I have been Chief of staff at both Venice Hospital and Sarasota Memorial Hospital. I was Chief Medical Officer at Sarasota Memorial for four years. I am now semi-retired but still do some work as a psychiatrist. I am married to a lovely wife, Carol Butera. We have 10 children between us and like to Bike, Boat and Travel. Rotary Club of Sarasota is a wonderful place to be.



ROTARY CLUB OF SARASOTA MAKES LASTING IMPACT ON SARASOTA

For several years after World War II, shortages were common, and polio was epidemic. The Sarasota-Manatee Clinic for Crippled Children and Adults serving local families impacted by polio was about to close. It was the only facility south of Tampa that provided medical rehabilitation and education, patient therapy, counseling, and support services for persons with disabilities. It had \$2 in its treasury and the Army Air Force barracks where it served patients was in terrible condition. Much of its equipment had limited use due to lack of parts and amateurish maintenance; it was short of medical supplies. **Rotary Club of Sarasota** members decided to help out, arranged for several thousands of dollar's worth of materials and labor. The club itself made a **\$1,700 cash gift (\$23,000 in today's dollars)** and committed to years of annual support. In 1946, it renamed itself "Happiness House" and began working with Easter Seals and, in 1984, became an Easter Seals affiliate.

2015

Wednesday, Dec 30
Meeting Suspended
Happy New Year

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PREVIOUS MEETING by Ron Rayevich

As a college history major I share our speaker's concern that too many people do not have a sound understanding of American History. Randolph Russell, who is both an author and fine musician (which he demonstrated at the conclusion of our meeting), shared his concerns that particularly younger Americans do not have a proper sense of the founders' conception of what are the essential elements comprising our republican form of government. To help solve this problem he has written "American History in No Time", an easy to read brief on the key components of American History. The need for a collective national memory is critical to the long term success of our form of government. Thanks, Randolph, for sharing these important thoughts on the day before one of our national holidays.



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.

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