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## Today's Speaker: Laurie Pike of MPH Hotels



Laurie was named the Director of Sales and Marketing (DOS&M) for MPH Hotels' award winning Comfort Suites Sarasota in 2014. One year later, in 2015, she was promoted to MPH Hotels DOS&M for the Florida Division.

A resident of Sarasota for 20+ years, she has established deep client and professional relationships. Prior to 2014, she was the DOS&M at Helmsley Sandcastle Hotel for 22 years. Laurie was nominated for Sarasota Tourism Leader of the Year Award in 2010. More recently, in 2016, she was nominated for the SRQ Magazine Women in Business Leadership Award. Currently, Laurie co-chairs the Sarasota-Bradenton Hotel Committee since 2010 and was on the Sarasota Chamber STOC Council for several years. An active Partner of the Sarasota Chamber (winner of 2014 Partner of the Year Award), Siesta Key and LWR Business Alliance, Laurie still finds time to serve on the SMH Neighbor Advisory Committee, the FUM Church for youth teens, and past advisory at Booker HS Hospitality and Tourism Academy for over 5 years.

Her love for all that is Tourism has served many in Sarasota, as she is known for sharing much of her knowledge of tourism with business developers over the years. Laurie has been dedicated to working with industry associations including RSAA as the 1996 first recipient Associate of the Year Award, 2011 and 2013 Nominee for Stanley Award in the category of Excellence in Sales and Marketing & the Stanley Fisher Award – Outstanding Travel Professional of the Year resulted in a win in 2013 Excellence in Sales and Marketing. She is active in FSAE, TSAE, MPI, Florida Motorcoach and U.S. Travel Assoc. attending key tourism conferences including Pow Wow (IPW) Huddle for 23 years.

## **June 28: Club Assembly**

### Upcoming Speakers:

**July 5: Andy Lyman – Area Governor Visit**

**July 12: Mark Gordon- Business Observer**

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### Summer Learning Academy Pantries

**Six (6) Thursday Sessions: June 22, 29; July 13, 20, 27**

**Alta Vista-Group One:2pm to 3pm; Group Two: 6pm to 730pm**

**Emma E. Booker – One Group Only: 5pm to 7pm**

## PREVIOUS MEETING (6/14/2017) by Dorothy Pratt

Parkinson disease can mean living with fear, anger and fatigue. Neuro Challenge Foundation for Parkinson's is dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with Parkinson's and their caregivers.

“We can help patients lead a better quality of life and take families under our wing with support groups and education,” Robyn Faucy told the Rotary Club of Sarasota. “Parkinson's can be a huge burden on caregivers.”

Faucy says the foundation with its staff of nine is able to have a major impact on patients and their caregivers. The foundation offers about 30 education and support programs per month without charge to patients. She hopes to expand the reach of the program to the Tampa Bay area. She praised Sarasota Memorial Hospital and its physicians for supporting and educating patients. Community support is so important, said Faucy, who wants to expand the program north of Sarasota. The foundation's annual gala, the primary income source, brought in \$227,000. She emphasized how frightening the progressive disease can be for families.

“All of our resources are free. We give hope and support to help patients live to the fullest,” said Faucy, who praised Dr. Dean Sutherland for his support.

## Every Saturday Morning for Coffee!

**Saturday Mornings at 9:00am –  
Panera Bread at Bahia Vista**

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**Happy Hour benefiting Save Our Seabirds will  
continue at Michaels on East every Monday in June,  
5pm – 9pm!**

**Please stop by to support David Pilston and his fine  
organization.**

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