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Today's Speaker:

Mark Gordon: Managing Editor of the Business Observer



Mark is the Managing Editor of the **Business Observer**. Mark has been with the Business Observer since 2005. He has written about companies, development, entrepreneurs and how government intersects with

business, among other topics. He currently helps oversee the paper's coverage from Tampa to Naples, in print and online, in addition to writing stories.

The Business Observer is part of the Observer Media Group, which publishes more than 10 weekly newspapers across Florida and was founded in 1995. Started in 1997 as the Gulf Coast Business Review, the Business Observer is the leading provider and most authoritative source of business and economic information affecting the Gulf Coast from Polk to Collier counties. It is published in print each Friday, with a daily email newsletter.

Prior to the Business Observer, Mark worked for daily newspapers in upstate New York, suburban Philadelphia and Jacksonville. He lives in east Manatee County with his wife, Elyse, and their eight-year-old son, Aaron.

Upcoming Speakers:

July 19: Janna Overstreet – Ringling Lifelong Learning Academy

July 26: Meredith Scerba: World Rowing Championships

August 2: John Giglio: Freedom Boat Club

Summer Learning Academy Pantries

Three(3) sessions Left -July 13,20, and 27

Alta Vista: Group 1: 1:45 to 3:00 pm

Group 2: 6:00 to 7:00pm

Emma E. Booker: One(1) group 5:00 to 7:00 pm

PREVIOUS MEETING (7/5/2017) by Ron Rayevich

It was a pleasure to welcome back to our club **Assistant District Governor Andy Lyman**. Andy brought us best wishes from District Governor Bobbi Bird, who reminded us via a video presentation to put the District conference on our schedule for May 18 - 20, 2018. Andy also shared some important issues regarding Rotary with us including the fact that only 5% of Rotarians in this district are under the age of 40 and that the majority of our members are over age 60. Let's be sure to keep our eyes open for good, prospective younger members in our community to join our club. **Rotary: Making a Difference** is the theme for Rotary International in 2017/18. We can all make a difference by supporting International projects, such as the \$1.5 billion effort (support by the Gates Foundation) to End Polio Now and the Plant a Tree program. At the District level we will continue the Dictionary project and begin the Josh the Otter program to encourage kindergarten children to learn to swim by providing 2,500 **Josh the Otter** books to local schools for 5-6 year old children. And as always we need to be supportive of Rotary's public image, which our club continues to do and which will include an enhanced **Pioneer Picnic** with strong local business support.

Every Saturday Morning for Coffee!

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

**Stoves Save Lives For \$155! Stop the Smoke!
Please contact Paul Mlotok at paul@janaka.org for
more details**

We are getting Close to our Goal!!!

Rotarians Make the World Better,
One Community at a Time.



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