

# ROTARY CLUB of SARASOTA



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### Today's Speaker:

**Jennifer Bencie - Manatee County Health Officer**



In August 2009, Jennifer Bencie became the County Health Officer for the Florida Department of Health in Manatee County. She oversees a staff of 125, and a \$10 million budget. The agency is involved in many population health initiatives including worksite wellness, school health, and environmental monitoring. Dr. Bencie is also the Health/Medical Co-chair for the southwest Region 6 Domestic Security Task Force.

She previously served as Director of the Division of Emergency Medical Operations for the Florida Department of Health in Tallahassee, which oversees the state's health and medical preparedness system, as well as the state's trauma centers and EMS. Including federal grants, the division budget was approximately \$200 million. In her almost 20 years with the Department of Health, Dr. Bencie has also served in leadership roles in the health departments in Orange, Seminole, Miami-Dade and Bay counties.

Dr. Bencie is a board member of the Manatee Chamber of Commerce, Manatee Memorial Hospital, Centerstone of Florida, the Manatee Healthcare Alliance, the local Ivy League Club, International Women's Forum Florida Suncoast Chapter, and the Arts and Health Coalition of Sarasota/Manatee.

### Upcoming Speakers

November 15: Paul Mattison – Mattison's City Grille

November 22: Lee Williams – Herald Tribune

November 29: Diane Alexander - TheMindWorks

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### Save the Dates!!!!

**November 15 - Sip and Create Art Studio. 7 to 9 p.m.**  
**See second page for more information, on-line signup and pay.**

**December 9<sup>th</sup> - HOLIDAY PARTY, Sara Bay CC,**  
**6:30pm**

### *PREVIOUS MEETING (11 /1/2017) by Ron Rayevich*

**Mike Kiel** serves as the Donor Relations Officer in Southwest Florida for the **Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches**.

At the youth ranches, 200 young people, ages 8 to 18 (with a few even younger), live full time at six locations in cottages with "cottage parents". The ranches serve another 3500 at risk youth throughout the state with summer camp programs. Mike explained that the residential programs combine work, study, play, and worship in a rural ranch environment offering a stable home and safe place for children to develop. This program, which began in 1957 as the Sheriffs Boys Ranch in Live Oak, was designed as a way to prevent delinquency and develop lawful, resilient and productive citizens.

The program is now coed and serves as risk youth from around the state, who would often go into foster home programs. Individuals can select the youth ranch as an alternative.

The local youth ranch serving Sarasota and Manatee Counties is located in Parrish.

### Join Us Every Saturday Morning for Coffee!

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

## **DINING FOR WOMEN**

**Who:** All Rotarians, friends and guests

**Project:** To prevent Female Genital Mutilation in Gambia.

**When:** Tuesday, November 14 at 6:30 pm.

**Bring:** A dish to pass and a beverage of your choice.

**Where:** Ellen and Jim Marsey will be hosting at 4001 Via Mirada. The gate code is: \*42346

**This is a wonderful evening of friendship and fellowship sponsored by the club's International Service committee. Dine on the pot-luck servings while learning about and supporting a project that benefits the women of Gambia. Consider donating the equivalent to dining out at your favorite restaurant.**

**2016/2017 PRESIDENTIAL THEME: ROTARY SERVING HUMANITY**

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**Social Event: Wednesday, November 15th, from 7 to 9 pm at**

**SIP an CREATE**

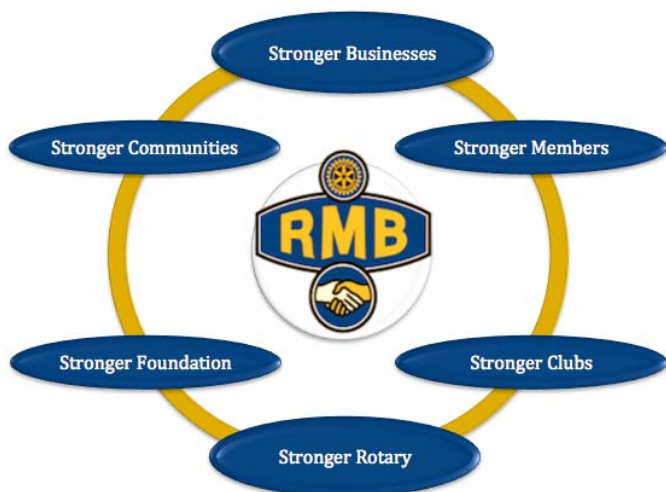
at [6382 N. Lockwood Ridge Road](http://6382.N.Lockwood.Ridge.Road), join your Rotary friends for a fun, creative evening! We'll be instructed by a professional artist as we each create an acrylic painting on canvas while enjoying wine, soft drinks and pizza provided by our Rotary Club of Sarasota's Social Committee!

You must register and pay on-line via the link below by November 10th. The fee is \$35 per person and all art supplies are included. Seats are limited to 25, so please reserve yours now. And no, this is not just for ladies!

<http://sipncreate.com/event/1121/NEW-painting-Gulf-Tides>

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## ROTARY MEANS BUSINESS FELLOWSHIP



**You have been invited by Andy Lyman to join the Rotary Means Business community.**

**Visit Andy's profile at**

**<http://rotarymeansbusiness.org/members/andylyman/>**

**To accept this invitation, please visit**

**<http://rotarymeansbusiness.org/register/?iaaction=accept-invitation&email=difikent%40aol.com>**

**Meeting: 5:30 pm Downtown Sarasota at Classico on the 4th Tuesday of the month, until further notice.**