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Today's Speaker:

Donal O'Shea – President, New College Of Florida



Donal O'Shea has been president of New College of Florida since 2012, where he has increased academic excellence and enhanced diversity and student life. He secured funding and oversaw planning for a new science building and for a cutting-edge master's program in

Data Science, New College's first graduate program. He aims to increase the enrollment of New College by 50 percent, with commitments from the state to fund proportionate increases in faculty, staff and facilities.

A firm believer in collaboration, O'Shea has helped develop a consortium of local colleges and universities to expand opportunities for all students. He is the immediate past-president of the Southern University Conference, the president of the Florida Association of Colleges and Universities, and a member of the strategic planning committee of the national Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges. Prior to joining New College, O'Shea was the dean of faculty and vice president of academic affairs at Mount Holyoke College, the world's oldest women's college. While there, he was instrumental in founding Women's Education Worldwide, a consortium of women's colleges and universities around the world.

O'Shea earned an A.B. from Harvard University and an M.S. and Ph.D. from Queen's University, all in mathematics. An internationally known mathematician, he continues to work with collaborators around the world. His research interests center around singularities of higher dimensional algebraic surfaces, work which mixes algebraic geometry and differential topology and geometry. He has also published in a number of applied areas, including medical imaging, phase transitions, and mathematical physics. He has won numerous awards for his work, most recently in January 2016, when a groundbreaking, now classic, book he wrote with two colleagues was awarded the coveted Steele prize by the American Mathematical Society.

Upcoming Speakers:

February 28: Rachel Shelley – Booker HS Principal

March 7: Ryan Hilton – Africa

March 14: Jennifer Vigne - Education Foundation

PREVIOUS MEETING (2/14/18) by Ron Rayevich

I guess I have felt that the public discourse over the past several years has been rather harsh (*individuals and public officials insulting each other and lots of negative TV ads*), but I really hadn't thought about how to improve it. **Anna Hahn, Director of Marketing and Digital Strategy at the Gulf Coast Community Foundation**, is someone who is really trying to improve public discourse.

With three areas of focus: programs on civil discourse, small grants (up to \$500) to individuals and organizations, and tool kits with cards, buttons, stickers and the like, Anna explained how with a \$150,000, three year program the Gulf Coast Community Foundation is attempting to improve how our society can move the conversation from harsh to polite. There are ten steps we can employ to help: Respect Others (agree to disagree), Accept Others (celebrate diversity with pride), Pay Attention (show you care), Say Thank You (appreciate the things others do), Rediscover Silence (quiet your voice), Listen (better to hear everyone out), Stay Positive (keep upbeat), Make A Difference (lend a hand), Speak Kindly (don't say things in a mean way), and Keep Your Cool (take a pause until there is no anger left). Anna, thanks for bringing us this positive message which we can all use in our relationships with one another

Regular Social Gatherings

Saturday mornings at 9 a.m.

Panera Bread @ US 41 & Bahia Vista

Monday Evenings at 5:30 p.m.

Amore

Burns Court, 446 South Pineapple Ave.

"Rotary at the Ballpark"

March 14, 1:05 pm game

Baltimore Orioles vs. New York Yankees

Ed Smith Stadium (12th St. & Tuttle Ave.)

\$25 tix - register at weekly sign-up sheet at Rotary

Please bring check to Lee-En Chung or Anya Keogh by Feb. 21.

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One Community at a Time.



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