

ROTARY CLUB of SARASOTA



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SMILE THE WEEKLY CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Today's Speaker:

Jennifer Vigne: Education Foundation



Jennifer took over as the Executive Director at the Education Foundation of Sarasota County in October of 2015. Previously, Jennifer served as the campaign director for Mote Marine Laboratory's ongoing \$50 million comprehensive campaign.

Prior to joining Mote in 2013, she served as the director of marketing and development at Saint Stephen's Episcopal School where she guided a campaign that resulted in a new middle school.

Vigne earned a bachelor's from Florida State University and a master's from the University of South Florida, and is a Certified Fundraising Executive.

Upcoming Speakers:

March 21: Shawn Pierson _ Bobby Jones Golf Course

March 28: Bernadette DiPino – Chief of Police, SPD

Dining For Women

Project: Guatemala-The project targets gender equality through Women's Justice for Mayan women to improve their lives by education, access to legal services and prevention of gender-based violence.

When: Tuesday, March 20 at 6:30 pm.

Host: Linda and Joe Formella at 6210 Stillwater Court, University Park 34201(Mote Ranch)

Who: All Rotarians, friends and guests

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

Enjoy: Fellowship and learning about another country.

RSVP: Lois Schaper at 941-388-8492 or
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New Member Application

The following has applied for membership into the Rotary Club of Sarasota. If the Board does not receive any written objections by the end of the day March 7, 2018, all will be eligible for induction on or after March 14.

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Proposer</u>
Thomas Melville	Non-Profit Executive	Vicente Medina

PREVIOUS MEETING (3/7/18) by Ron Rayevich

I can say with some certainty that we witnessed the very best Power Point presentation of the year at last week's meeting. **Ryan Hilton of Admiral Travel International** presented several hundred African safari photos that were just spectacular. Ryan, who was born in Zimbabwe and schooled in South Africa, is a resident of Sarasota and returns to Africa each year to escort small tour groups. We learned that either East Africa (*Kenya and Tanzania*) or South Africa (*including Botswana and Zimbabwe*) were the best places to reconnect with nature by viewing the large herds and varieties of animals. The quality of the field trips and hospitality (*sleeping accommodations and dining experiences*) are the keys to a great safari, together with a small group (*6 or less*) professionally guided to view the special vistas and animals. Ryan noted that over the last century over 80% of the wild animals in Africa have disappeared, but that there are still large herds (*upwards of 5,000 migrating animals within the span of an hour*) to be seen as well as the opportunity to be very close to a variety of wild animals. He said a trip as long as 40 days could easily be filled with unique and varied experiences and that it is best not to try to do both East Africa and South Africa on the same trip. Ryan also indicated that flying over these animal sanctuaries by small plane or hot air balloon was very worthwhile. Thanks, Ryan, for a great presentation and for giving us enough background that we can more intelligently plan our own African safari.

Regular Social Gatherings

**Saturday mornings at 9 a.m.
Panera Bread @ US 41 & Bahia Vista**

**Last Monday Evening of the Month
at 5:30 p.m. Amore
Burns Court, 446 South Pineapple Ave.**

Street Clean Up will be Saturday, March 17th at 8 AM. We meet across the street from the Salvation Army on 10th and Central St. It only takes about 1 hour .

This service project is done once a quarter as part of Keep Sarasota Beautiful. We clean a section of 10th St between Rt 41 and 301. Please contact Jayne Cory at 302-1567 or lcjc38@gmail.com if you can help.

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