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Today's Speaker:

Rick Louis – Island Lifestyle Importers

Rick, a serial entrepreneur, is the CEO of Island Lifestyle Importers. The company was born, quite appropriately, in a cigar bar, when two strangers with radically different backgrounds struck up a conversation about their shared passion for well-aged, premium cigars. The rest is history, of which Rick will tell us all about.



Upcoming Programs

- May 2 Rick Piccolo SRQ - Airport
- May 9 Dan BeBak Mote - New Aquarium

New Member Bio

Dr. Henry Bausback

I was born and raised in Long Beach, Indiana and attended Indiana University where I obtained degrees in both biology and optometry. While in graduate school, I met my wife, Kris, who is a Sarasota native. After optometry school, I completed a one-year residency in hospital-based optometry at a large VA hospital near Baltimore. After my residency, I returned to my hometown and entered into practice with my father, who is also an optometrist. My training allowed me to work in a large, multi-physician specialty clinic, affiliated with the local hospital for twenty years. Being a successful eye doctor has allowed me the opportunity and privilege to serve others in many ways. Over the years, I have served two terms as a town councilman, been president of both the Lions Club and Long Beach Civic Association, been an assistant Scoutmaster for our son's Boy Scout troop, performed free vision screenings for school children, and served on many other boards and committees, especially those of my church.

My wife and I have two children. Ryan (19) is a sophomore at Florida State majoring in mathematics and economics. Ellen (17) is a senior at Booker High School and will be attending the University of Florida this fall, majoring in journalism. When our family moved to Sarasota almost 3 years ago to be closer to my wife's family, I also realized a dream of opening my own eye care practice. Last year I successfully opened Performance Eyecare in downtown Sarasota. I am proud to continue my tradition of service to the community as a new member of the Rotary Club of Sarasota!

PREVIOUS MEETING (4/11/18) by Ron Rayevich

"Doing The Most Good" is a tag line for The Salvation Army. Our own Major Chuck Whiten, who heads up the Sarasota Area Command, not only had us to lunch at the Tuttle Ave facility, but explained how this mission is being accomplished in Sarasota.

Founding in 1865 in London, The Salvation Army has spread worldwide and has been a significant force in Sarasota for 90 years.

The Salvation Army has two major facilities in the immediate area (*Center of Hope at 10th St. & Central Ave. and Center for Worship on Tuttle Ave.*). The Army has been active in improving the quality of life, not only for those who are homeless, addicted to alcohol or drugs, suffering from mental health issues, or who are just too poor to be in a house, but also to those who are struggling financially because of low income levels and broken families. The Salvation Army can sleep up to 250 at its Center of Hope facility and administers to lower income families and their children at its Tuttle Ave. facility.

Our Club's foundation has been active in supporting both efforts with grants for support of homeless programs at the Center of Hope and for toys and learning activities for the children at the Tuttle Ave. location.

Thanks, Major Chuck, for reminding us of how difficult life can be for many in our community and how much The Salvation Army does to support those in need

Regular Social Gatherings

Saturday mornings at 9 a.m.

Panera Bread @ US 41 & Bahia Vista

Last Monday Evening of the Month

5:30 p.m. Amore

Burns Court, 446 South Pineapple Avenue

Courtesy of Bill Jotham, our resident
Seenager



I am a Seenager (Senior Teenager). I have everything that I wanted as a teenager, only 60 years later. I don't have to go to school or work. I get an allowance every month. I have my own pad. I don't have a curfew. I have a driver's license and a car. I have an ID that gets me into bars and the whisky store. The people I hang around with are not scared of getting pregnant, and I don't have acne, and I can smoke cigars. Life is great. I have more friends I should send this to, but right now I can't remember their names.

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