

ROTARY CLUB of SARASOTA



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Today's Speaker:



Our own member, Harold Wilen, was born and raised in the Bronx, New York. He received B.A. a Degree from Hunter College in the Bronx (Sociology major) and M.S.W. Degree from Rutgers University in New Jersey. He also earned additional credits towards a Doctorate in Social Work. He taught for six years in the South Bronx, and was a social worker in New Jersey and Florida, including 29 years with the School Board of Sarasota. In 1965-1970 he was an amateur boxer in New York

City. In 1985, he founded the Sarasota Boxing Club, which has the best amateur record in the state of Florida. Harold has trained three professional fighters who fought for the World Title, one of whom won. He was inducted into the Florida Boxing Hall of Fame as a Trainer/Manager in 2015. One of his boxers, Johnny "Ghetto Blaster" Williams, who fought for the Middleweight World Title, will be inducted into the Florida Boxing Hall of Fame in June, 2018.

Wilen is proud that the S.B.C., a 501c.3 Charitable Organization, is a place where countless underprivileged, underserved kids have been mentored and helped with self-discipline and self-respect for the last 33 years. The ambience at the Club, on a daily basis, is amazing (millionaires and inner-city youth interact, each learning from the other). Harold, who has two sons, has been a Rotarian for six years.

Upcoming Speakers:

June 6: Kelsey McColl: Tree Umph

June 13: Jennifer Vigne: Education Foundation

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PAM AND BARRY'S SUMMER SEND-OFF

FINGER FOOD POTLUCK SOCIAL

FRIDAY, JUNE 1

5599 SHADOWLAWN DRIVE

SIESTA KEY

6 TO 10 P.M.

SIGN-UP AT THE

CLUB OR

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PREVIOUS MEETING (5/16/18) by Ron Rayevich

Joe Devore, RCS President-Elect, and David Bowman, RCS President, shared their impressions of the recent **Rotary 6960 District Conference** held at Coconut Point in South Fort Myers. Some 350 attendees from all over the District heard speakers on many topics. The programs ranging from Rotary's continuing efforts to eradicate **Polio**, to new initiatives to find a cure for **Alzheimer's**; to the continued efforts to support the **Gift of Life** (which now has supported life saving operations on over 30,000 children); **Camp Florida**, which provides camping opportunities for special needs children at a 21 acre facility in Brandon. Many newer programs are being supported by District Clubs and District Grants. **Disaster Aid USA** provides free clean up assistance following Hurricane Irma and other more localized disasters. **Josh the Otter**, which our club has put into the more comprehensive **Kindergarten Readiness Bags**, will provide kindergarten children in Sarasota County District Schools take home bags containing, among many age appropriate learning aids. **Josh the Otter** book encourages young children to learn how to swim. Another program which we have supported periodically is **Shelter Box USA**, headquartered at Lakewood Ranch, which has been nominated for a **Nobel Peace Prize**.

Our own **Pam Akins** presented "**Seven Steps to a Sexy Rotary Club**", a program for member retention and recruiting which I am sure we will hear more about in the near future. And finally, **Rotary International** is going to focus more resources on **Haiti** in the form of programs to bring clean water and proper sewage disposal to the island nation, which is the poorest nation in our hemisphere and still suffering the effects of multiple hurricanes and an earthquake.

Regular Social Gatherings

Saturday mornings at 9 a.m.

Panera Bread @ US 41 & Bahia Vista

First Thursday Evening of the Month

5:30 - 7:00 p.m. Amore

Burns Court, 446 South Pineapple Ave.

Baloney Club 11:15 a.m.

Marina Jack Balcony before the regular meeting

YEAR-END AWARDS, CELEBRATION, AND INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS

SATURDAY, JUNE 16 5:30 p.m.

FIELD CLUB

END OF FIELD ROAD

NO CHARGE FOR MEMBERS AND ONE GUEST.

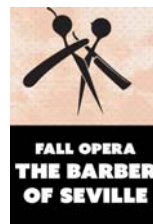
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ROTARY NIGHT AT THE OPERA

OCTOBER 31, 2018

Cocktails and Hors de Oeuvres @ 6:15 p.m.

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