

ROTARY CLUB of SARASOTA



CHARTERED APRIL 12, 1926

CLUB NUMBER 4339

DISTRICT 6960

ZONE 34

PRESIDENT – JOE DEVORE

Classification: Skilled Nursing Administration

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SMILE THE WEEKLY CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Today's Speakers:

GETTING TO KNOW OUR OWN MEMBERS



TODAY WE WILL HEAR
FROM OUR VICE
PRESIDENT **JEFF
MEYER** AND
MAARTEN MECKMAN,
MEMBER OF OUR
MEMBERSHIP
COMMITTEE.



Upcoming Speakers:

July 25 **Dr. Andros de Andrade** US Medical Seminars
August 1 **Assistant Governor, our own Ben Bates**
August 8 **Dr. Rachel Shelly, Booker High Principal**

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PROPOSED NEW MEMBER

<u>Name</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
George Schofield	Organization & Developmental Psychology	Andrea Nierenberg

If no written objections are submitted to the Board of Directors by July 25, George will be eligible to be inducted on or after August 1.

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President Joe & Save our Seabird Man David Pilston at the last summer Alta Vista Pantry

PREVIOUS MEETING (7/11/18) by Ron Rayevich

I recently noticed a new and rather interesting building being completed on Ringling Blvd just west of Washington Blvd (*Highway 301*) in the shape of a large ship which appears to be sailing east down Ringling. **Neil McCurry, President and CEO of Sabal Palm Bank**, our speaker last week, noted that it was the new home of **Sabal Palm Bank**, Sarasota's only home owned community bank. Following some difficult years during the Great Recession, the bank has grown to nearly \$300 million in assets, with a \$16 million capital base made up of over 300 shareholders, served by a staff of 40 full time officers and employees, with 2017 profits of \$1,500,000.

According to Neil, the number of banks in the U. S. has declined by 60% over the last ten years and the number of banks in Florida has declined even more from over 500 to just 127. Smaller community banks have suffered the most, both from lack of deposits and increasing government regulation in spite of a rapidly growing population in the state. Neil and other officers at the bank have been especially active in local community organizations, and it sponsors numerous charitable causes.

Thanks, **Neil**, for sharing your story about modern banking and congratulations for five years of successful leadership at **Sabal Palm Bank**.

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. Wednesdays

Marina Jack Balcony before the regular meeting.

Club members and guests are welcome at all social gatherings. Be prepared to accomplish virtually nothing except getting to chat, laugh, and by chance learn something useful once in a while.

Rotarians Make the World Better,
One Community at the Time.





**Karen Attwood's
MELLOW MUSHROOM**

is now open.

6727 S. Tamiami Trail

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Jeanette Paladino, Andrea Nierenberg, Karen Attwood, Maarten Meckman