

ROTARY CLUB of SARASOTA



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Today's Program:

Getting to Know our Members



Sarah Lodge, president of the Rotary Club of Sarasota Foundation, is a financial adviser with RBC Wealth Management. Sarah is the person responsible for coordinating the **One Book Project**, which the club heard about last week. (See Bob Stone's Previous Meeting Summary.)



Anya Keogh, member of Rotary Club of Sarasota Board of Directors, is vice president of Valley National Bank. She coordinated the scheduling that brought to us Coach Ira Klein of the Sarasota Swim Academy.

Upcoming Programs:

**September Program Coordinator
Maarten (Marty) Meckman**

September 5: Matthew Sauer, Executive Editor Sarasota Herald Tribune

September 12: Christopher Wilson, Ph.D., Board Chairman, Sarasota Architectural Foundation

September 19: Tonia Hutchinson, Program Manager, Safe Children Coalition, Sarasota YMCA

September 26: Lynne Higgins, Child Advocate Manager/Team Leader, Guardian ad Litem Program

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



PREVIOUS MEETING (08/22/18) by Bob Stone

I needed to know more about this **One Book Project**. I was involved with the dictionary project for years and I'm glad to see us pivot to this new initiative. **Chris Renouf**, Sarasota County's Executive Director of Elementary Education, told us how wonderful we are. We never get tired of hearing how much we help kids. Our Foundation raised \$26,000 to fund the The One Book initiative, which is actually 2 books, *The Magic Fish* and *Wonder*.

The table discussions stimulated by quotes from *Wonder* was a break from the usual sitting and listening. **Holly Chesnoff**, the English Language Arts specialist for Elementary Schools Curriculum and Instruction, told us about the books. For all of Sarasota County's first graders we have *The Magic Fish*, a lively retelling of the folktale about a poor fisherman, his greedy wife, and a fish who grants wishes. Holly told us the importance of children learning the lessons this book offers at this developmental stage.

All fourth graders have the wonderful book, *Wonder*, about a boy born with rare genetic disorders. His face greets the world like a horror mask. He has had 10 years to get used to the stares and the gasps, but now his parents are encouraging him to attend a public school, which is another whole world. The lessons learned by the boy and his classmates are lessons we can all learn from.

Dr. Laura Kingsley, the assistant superintendent and chief academic officer of Sarasota County Schools, told us how teachers are going to implement the initiative and share resources, between classrooms and between schools. With all the 4th graders in Sarasota County receiving the same book, They can all get on the same page!!

From the fourth graders' book *WONDER* by R.J. Palacio

It's not enough to be friendly. You have to be a friend.

Regular Social Gatherings

Saturday mornings at 9 a.m.

Panera Bread @ US 41 & Bahia Vista

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.

LET'S GET SOCIAL

Monday, Sept 3rd Monthly Happy Hour....Amore closed for the month so we'll meet at Evie's Tavern on Main Street at 5:30 for complimentary appetizers and cash bar.

LET'S GET EVEN MORE SOCIAL

Tuesday September 11: 6:30 PM

Painting with a Twist

Palmer Crossing Circle on Clark Road - Social Committee will provide snacks and wine while we Paint and Sip. Cost \$35 includes all supplies. Couples are encouraged! Sign up sheets at next 2 meetings.



ROTARY CLUB OF SARASOTA

Awarded the

2017 JCMF ROTARY WATER SAFETY ADVOCACY AWARD

from the Josh the Otter/Joshua Collingsworth Memorial Foundation for its participation and influence in getting Josh the Otter books and cds in the Suncoast Campaign for Grade Level Reading Kindergarten Readiness Bags that were delivered to all of Sarasota County's pre-kindergarten students.