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Today's Program:



Executive editor Matthew Sauer has been a resident of Southwest Florida for fourth- two years, spending the last 25 at the Herald-Tribune. He is a graduate of Manatee High School and the University of Florida, and is a certified elementary and middle school teacher. He came to the Herald-Tribune in 1993 from the Tampa Bay Times, and was the Times correspondent in Gainesville while a student at UF,

where he helped cover the 1990 serial murders of five students. Running his local newspaper has been a dream come true. He joined the H-T as a county government and politics reporter in Charlotte County, and later moving into business coverage in Manatee. He oversaw the features and sports department before being promoted in 2014 to deputy managing editor. During his time at the H-t, the newspaper has won two Pulitzer Prizes and scores of national and state awards, including the Robert F. Kennedy Journalism Award last year for the HT's "Bias on the Bench" series. He has completed all coursework toward a master's degree in mass communication.

September Program Coordinator Maarten (Marty) Meckman

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

Email from Jollylou

Hey Guys & Gals; Last week's meeting was great. Jim Marsey and I were sitting together and Jim commented, in a most enthusiastic way, about the diversity of our Rotarians, especially today's presenters, who are from Jamaica, Russia, & the USA. I thought about this later and wish to express that we are lucky to be part of a Rotary Club that embraces the cultural, ethnic, and geographic diversities that symbolize Rotary's diversity and service above self. The *monthly 'know your Rotarians'* is great.

Regards.....Jim Marsey, Jollylou Schwartz

PREVIOUS MEETING (08/29/18) by Bob Stone

Last week we got to journey around the world in less than 30 minutes! Starting in Jamaica with **Karen Sites'** New member talk. We learned about her upbringing in the beautiful island nation of Jamaica, which wasn't always beautiful. Then we followed her unlikely change of scenery in Alaska. She found her way here to the offices of Morgan Stanley overlooking Sarasota Bay. We learned that giving back was always a part of her life. We are so glad her travels led her to join our little club. Welcome Karen!

Our trip next took us to Vladivostok, Russia. We heard from our friendly neighborhood Russian, **Anya Keogh**. When I think of Russia, I think Eastern Europe, Moscow and the "stans" (*Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, and Turkmenistan*). But Anya grew up closer to Korea on the Sea of Japan. Vladivostok is a major Pacific port city in Russia overlooking Golden Horn Bay, near the borders with China and North Korea. From the city by the sea, Anya spent years with her Grandparents near Moscow. Suffering through many illnesses as a child, she grew into a strong, intelligent woman. Anya was given scholarships to study at Ole Miss and became their first Russian student. It was there that she met her husband, Joe. After graduating, he punished her by setting up housekeeping in Detroit. But when your childhood was spent covering the seven time zones between a small town near Moscow & Vladivostok, moving to Sarasota seemed like moving down the street where Anya & Joe are raising their two boys. In fact, while most of us know Anya as VP of Valley National Bank specializing in commercial loans, she is actually a personal driver for her sons to and from swimming and rowing practice and competitions. Good Luck Anya!

Our final stop on our round the world tour brought us right back to Florida. **Sarah Lodge** is a generational Floridian. Family means so much to Sarah. She organizes events for her growing family to all get together, including her grandfather who is just a little older than Jim Henry. Sarah's youngest is her grandfather's 100th descendant. It's not just Sarah's family, her husband Ryan comes from Florida as well and together they moved to Sarasota from Orlando after their time in Gainesville (GO GATORS) to raise their three children. Sarah started The Gress-Lodge Group with Richard Gress in 2008. After 10 years this boutique financial advisory firm focuses on retirement, mortgage, estate, education, and asset allocation. Sarah's extensive experience allows her to conduct business with residents of twenty-eight states. I'd like to tell you what Sarah does in her free time, but I'm not sure she has any. In addition to being the mother of three young, "energetic" children, Sarah serves our Club as president of the Rotary Club of Sarasota Foundation and heads up the One Book Initiative. The Junior League, Make a Wish, Women of Influence, and many others charitable organizations fill her calendar. Hope you get some rest soon, Sarah!

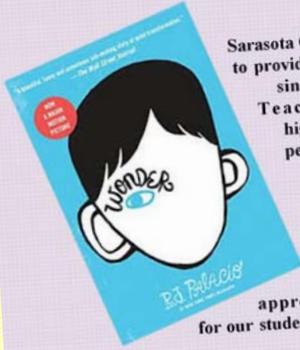
LET'S GET SOCIAL

Tuesday September 11: 6:30 PM \$35 per person.

Palmer Crossing Circle on Clark Road - Social Committee will provide snacks and wine while we Paint and Sip. Couples are encouraged! Sign up with Judy at the club.



ONE BOOK INITIATIVE



Sarasota County elementary schools would love to provide an opportunity for all students in a single grade to read the same book. Teachers believe the children would be highly motivated to read what their peers across the county are reading. This could lead to relationships across schools, between children, and teachers, where teachers would collaborate on lesson plans for this initiative. Experience has found that this approach generally results in the highest quality learning for our students. Thanks to the Rotarians in the Rotary Club of Sarasota this is now possible.



In school year 2018 - 19, fourth grade teachers selected *WONDER*, and first grade teachers selected *THE MAGIC FISH*. The Rotary Club of Sarasota Foundation has ordered the books and Rotarians, where possible, will distribute them at grade level assemblies throughout the district.

From the fourth graders' book *WONDER* by R.J. Palacio
It's not enough to be friendly. You have to be a friend.

LET'S GET EVEN MORE SOCIAL

Friday, October 5th at 6 PM: Octoberfest at Sarasota Brewing Company, Sarasota's Oldest Microbrewery. 6607 Gateway Avenue in the popular Gulf Gate area. Free flight of handcrafted beer or glass of wine for each RCS attendee, plus games, prizes, music and a small buffet round out this Harvest Themed evening. Price for buffet yet to be determined. Sign up sheets and more information will be at upcoming weekly RCS meetings.

October 27th: 6 PM. Halloween Party at Heather and Geoff Gillon's! Bring a dish to pass and a beverage of your choice. Costumes may earn a prize, so dress up in your favorite bed sheet!

October 31: Rotary Night at the Opera. Our friend Ana Bartys is coordinating the evening for us. We'll have a private RCS reception prior to the event that will include complimentary small bites and a cash bar. Prepare yourself to be enraptured at the Sarasota Opera!



STREET CLEAN UP PROJECT
 Saturday Sept 8th 8 AM
 Corner of 10th St and Central Ave

New members: this is a great project to fill your service requirement. One hour only.

Contact Jayne @302-1567 if you can help.

The Power of Rotary Membership is local. Knowing more about Rotary can help you, and help you make Sarasota and the world better place.



The club will reimburse the admission fee for all who attend RLI.

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Comments from members who attended

RLI was very valuable and would be useful to all of our officers and, in fact, all of our members. I was in Level 1 which covered the purpose of Rotary, the programs available to Rotarians, ethics of Rotary, International structure, and the Rotary Foundation. One of the interesting discussions was about the purpose of Rotary and that it is not just service outside the Club but also to serve the interests of the members of the Club in order to keep us active. It was also a plus to hear from members of other clubs and their ideas on projects and their organization. I enjoyed the event and plan to take Level 2 this winter.

Paul Mlotok