

# ROTARY CLUB of SARASOTA



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DISTRICT 6960  
ZONE 34

**PRESIDENT – JOE DEVORE**  
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## TODAY'S PROGRAM



### LINDA HIGGINS, CHILD ADVOCATE MANAGER/TEAM LEADER, GUARDIAN AD LITEM PROGRAM

After being a stay-at-home mom for 13 years and volunteering with many local child-centered programs, Ms. Higgins began working with the Guardian ad Litem Program as a volunteer in 2008. During this time, she also obtained a degree from USF Sarasota-Manatee in Interdisciplinary Social Science with social work and criminology cognates. She started working for the Guardian ad Litem Program in 2010 as a Child Advocate Manager, and became the Team Leader of the Sarasota office in 2016. She is currently enrolled in the USF Master's Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health program. Her goal every day is to make the world a better place, one child at a time.

**WHAT IS THE MOST DANGEROUS TIME IN A CHILD'S LIFE?**  
(Answer is at the bottom of page 2.)

### PREVIOUS MEETING (09/19/2018) BY BOB STONE

Last week Tonia Hutchinson, program manager for Safe Children Coalition, brought us a message that she warned us would bring us down. She is on the front lines of the battle to keep our children safe. The Coalition works hand in hand with the police and judicial system handling children in Sarasota County that are removed from dangerous situations. If there is violence or drug use, or a parent is incarcerated, their child may need to go into the Coalition system. She let us know that there are many (*too many*) children waiting to be cared for. Now, even though most of us are not in position to foster a child long-term, there is plenty we can do to help. These children have many simple, everyday needs, and we can help support foster parents that have taken children in. The foster parents, sometime aunts, uncles, or grandparents, need help. Donations of movie tickets or gift cards for family restaurants would be a helpful place to start. A sewing circle at a local church sews travel bags for the kids. It is often huge for the kids to have a bag to put their belongings in as you are whisked away in the middle of the night.

Tonia has dedicated her life to the lives of the children and families, and she needs our help. What do you have that you don't need that could brighten a child who's life has been turned upside down? Clothes? Toys? A gift certificate to a restaurant you're not going to use? If you want to take that extra step and volunteer, Contact Tonia: [THutchinson@thesarasotay.org](mailto:THutchinson@thesarasotay.org) • (941) 371-4799. Tonia may have thought she was going to bring us down, but instead she lifted us up and called us to action. What can you do?

**The Community Foundation of Sarasota County has announced that the next Giving Challenge will be April 28 & 29, 2020.**

October Program Coordinator  
Jim Henry

October 3: Harry Hobson CEO of Plymouth Harbor  
October 10: Get to know Laura Randall & Gail Maynard  
October 17: Richard & Stacy Ridenour, Shelter Box  
October 24: Beth Duda, Campaign for Grade Level Reading  
October 31: Joe Devore, Club Assembly



*"There is little progress without relationships, the spirit of The Object of Rotary and the building blocks of the Rotary network. The quality of Rotary's progress is representative of the people in the relationships i.e. who Rotarians are!"*

Jim Henry  
Rotary Club of Sarasota  
March 17, 2016

**Let's Get Social**  
**Sarasota Boxing Club**  
**September 27, 5:30 pm**  
**2200-2298 15th Street**

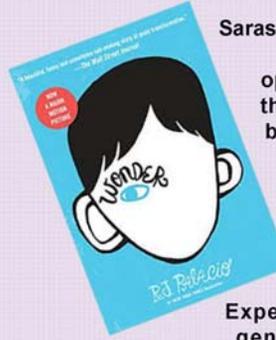
**LEGENDS OF THE RING**  
**PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE**



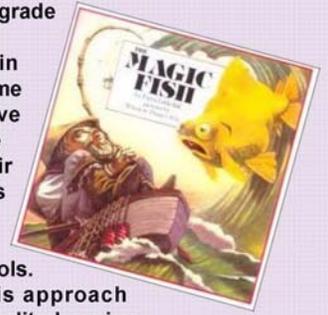
**Experience the club in action and interact with its members. Maybe try out as a sparing partner?**



**ONE BOOK INITIATIVE**



Sarasota County first and fourth grade teachers are providing the opportunity for all students in their classes to read the same book. The teachers believe their students will be more motivated to read what their peers are reading, and this often leads better relationships between children and across schools.



Experience has found that this approach generally results in higher quality learning.

In school year 2018 - 19, first grade teachers selected *The Magic Fish*, and fourth grade teachers selected *Wonder*. 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

*"We carry with us, as human beings, not just the capacity to be kind, but the very choice of kindness."*

**OPERA PAYMENTS ARE DUE! PLEASE PAY BY THE END OF SEPTEMBER!**

Includes Opera and wonderful social hour with quality hors d'oeuvres before. A super value at \$83.60 per person.

Make checks payable to the Rotary Club of Sarasota and get them to Ana Bartys or Bonnie Calvert.



**FALL OPERA**  
**THE BARBER OF SEVILLE**  
**OF SEVILLE**



**According to Bill Sadlow, CEO of the Sarasota Boys and Girls Club at Thursday's GRAND OPENING of the ARCADIA BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB, the most dangerous time in a child's life is between 3 and 7 p.m. when they are home alone.**