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T O D A Y ' S P R O G R A M



Mr. Harry E. Hobson is the President and CEO of *Plymouth Harbor on Sarasota Bay*, a LifePlan Community. Harry's career has included work in both Hospital and Retirement Community Administration in Ohio, Virginia and Florida. Harry and his wife Nancy, moved to Sarasota the week after Hurricane Charlie in 2004.

Along with his Plymouth Harbor duties, Harry is a professor at LECOM University where he teaches graduate-level courses in Long Term Care Management and Policy. He has also held adjunct faculty positions in both the Fisher College of Business and the College of Public Health at The Ohio State University, where he lectured on Executive Leadership and Long Term Care Policy respectively.

Mr. Hobson has been recognized for his commitment to older adult services by the Ohio Senate and House of Representatives. More recently he was awarded *The Executive of the Year Award* for the State of Florida by LeadingAge, which is the professional association representing the long-term care industry.

Harry is a former Rotarian and Paul Harris Fellow. At the end of the day, what you really should know is that Harry is a true Buckeye.

PREVIOUS MEETING (09/26/2018) BY JIM HENRY

Linda Higgins, Child Advocate Manager/Team Leader, Guardian ad Litem Program explained that the Guardian ad Litem program advocates for the best interests of Florida's abused, abandoned, and neglected children. It is recognized and respected as a partnership of community advocates and professional staff. To the fullest extent possible, its vision is realized through volunteers who will advocate as Guardians ad Litem for the children they serve. The ad Litem program, a statewide initiative, operates in conjunction with each legal jurisdiction. After the courts decide that a child would be better off removed from its home, the child is then placed in the ad Litem program, usually in a group home until an individual foster home can be found. In Sarasota County, the ad Litem program operates in conjunction with the Sarasota YMCA, and all children presently under its care are in appropriate homes. While it is not always possible, the ultimate goal is to reunite the children with their parents. The ad Litem program relies heavily on volunteers, donations, and underpaid staff. For more information on how you can help, go to <http://guardianadlitem.org/>



**OCTOBERFEST AT SARASOTA BREWING COMPANY FRIDAY, OCT 5 @ 6 PM
\$20 PER PERSON, NEED TO RESERVE WITH JUDY BY END OF DAY WEDNESDAY.**

October Program Coordinator
Jim Henry

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

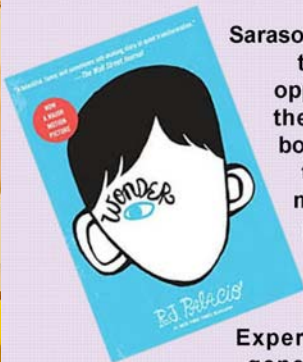


"There is little progress without relationships, the spirit of The Object of Rotary and the building blocks of the Rotary network. The quality of Rotary's progress is representative of the people in the relationships i.e. who Rotarians are!"

Jim Henry
Rotary Club of Sarasota
March 17, 2016

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.



The power of reading



Tuttle Elementary first-graders, from left, Steven Ortiz, Marcelo Gil, Diana Esteban, Declan Bates and Ahl'Lani Dunn, are excited to learn they will each receive a copy of "The Magic Fish" at a school assembly on Wednesday. The Rotary Club of Sarasota provided a free book to every first- and fourth-grade student in the school district - approximately 5,600 books in all - to kick off the Rotary Reading Project for the 2018-19 school year. (HERALD-TRIBUNE STAFF PHOTO / MIKE LANG)



Herald Tribune, Thursday, Sept 27

JR Sez's 'Y'all did great!!!!'

