

# ROTARY CLUB of SARASOTA



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## TODAY'S PROGRAM

### GET TO KNOW OUR MEMBERS



**Laura Randall**

Laura is a member of the club's Board of Directors, and is the club's Vice President. She will ascend to the presidency in Rotary year 2020-2021. To know more about her, check out page 7 in the current issue of *Eye into Why*. Today, we will probably learn some things that couldn't be printed in the article.

Quiet and reserved, **Gail** has lots that she could tell but probably won't. In the club, she serves on the membership committee. She will not brag about accomplishments, but Gail is known throughout Rotary District 6960, and could very well be referred to as the Grande Dame of Rotary District 6960. Perhaps she will tell us about her adventures through Rotary and what ultimately brought her to our club.



**Gail Maynard**

### PREVIOUS MEETING (10/03/2018) BY RON RAYEVICH

I thought I knew a lot about Plymouth Harbor, but I really didn't realize that its origins went all the way back into the early 1960's. The Rev. Dr. John Whitney McNeal (*who also was involved in the founding of New College*), pastor of the First Congregational United Church of Christ and other local citizens, conceived of a not-for-profit continuing care retirement community on a 17.5 acre site on Coon Key between downtown Sarasota and St. Armands Circle. We were fortunate to have **Harry Hobson, President and CEO of Plymouth Harbor**, give us the facts on this very successful retirement community first built in 1966 and just recently expanded, which now provides housing for 325 seniors and employment for a similar number, right here in our own backyard. Plymouth Harbor provides independent living, skilled nursing and rehabilitation, memory care, and wellness programs, combined with lots of programmed activities for its residents. Each resident owns their own life estate in the community or are involved with its nursing or rehab programs. Thanks, Harry, for giving us new insights into a major part of our community, which we can see right from our lunch table at Marina Jacks'.

### Rotary Club of Sarasota Rotarians furnished 5,800 books through its One Book Initiative

In state standardized testing, 68% of Sarasota County's third graders are reading at or above grade level. Sarasota County is tied for second in counties with over 2,000 third grade students. St. Johns County leads the pack with 78%. Sarasota County students are first in counties with over 3,000 third grade students. Rotary Club of Sarasota members undertook this \$28,500 initiative to help teachers help students achieve, but wouldn't it be great if support led by Rotarians would help Sarasota County third graders lead in the state, regardless of the number of students?

October Program Coordinator  
Jim Henry

October 17: Richard & Stacy Ridenour, Shelter Box  
October 24: Beth Duda, Campaign for Grade Level Reading  
October 31: Joe Devore, Club Assembly

November Program Coordinator  
Dick Rehmeier

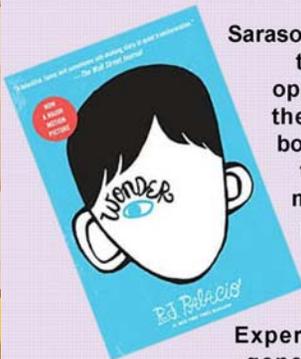
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One Community at the Time.



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# 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.



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

