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



Rich and Stacy Ridenour will talk to us about ShelterBox USA, an organization that hand delivers emergency shelter to families around the world who have been displaced by disaster or conflict.

Rich and Stacy both studied piano at the University of Michigan where they both earned Bachelors' degrees in piano performance. They have been married for thirty-two years and have two children: Brandon, a professional trumpet player and Ross, a Chief Captain for United Airlines.

Rich, a native of Grand Rapids, Michigan, holds a Master's Degree from the Juilliard School of Music and is a Steinway Artist. He established his career performing his own musical arrangements of classical masterworks and today's popular piano favourites. With

hundreds of engagements to his credit, he has recently performed with the orchestras of Indianapolis, Atlanta, Kansas City, and Mazatlan, Mexico. Each season he serves as pops director for the Dearborn Symphony Orchestra.

Stacy, a native Missoula, Montana, holds a Master's degree in Arts Management from New York University. For thirteen years, she served as Vice President/General Manager of the Grand Rapids Symphony and then as the Executive Director of the Kalamazoo Symphony. After moving to Florida, Stacy served as the Executive Director of the Jacksonville Symphony. In August, 2013, she joined the Sarasota Opera as Director of Development and is responsible for raising over \$6 million annually. She has also been an active volunteer in various community leadership positions and is a past president of the Rotary Club of Sarasota Bay.

In leisure, they enjoy travel adventures, hiking, biking, kayaking and tennis.

PREVIOUS MEETING (10/10/2018) BY JIM HENRY



The strength of Rotary lies in getting to know our members. Today, as **Howard Rooks** said, we had the privilege of hearing from **Gail Maynard**, a Kentucky Wildcat through and through, who came to Sarasota via Omaha, Nebraska, and **Laura Randall**, a Santa Clara Bronco, who came here from virtually everywhere. Who would have ever guessed that **Gail**, when president of a Rotary Club, convened a meeting where the program was her wedding to Rotarian Don, apparently a first in the Rotary world. **Gail** went on to serve District 6960 as assistant governor and district trainer.



Laura, Director of Development and Alumni Relations for Sarasota Christian School, is on tap to become president of our club in 2020-21. During her foreign service, she has seen extreme poverty, but that didn't prepare her for the conditions she witnessed when she delivered relief supplies to war-torn Sarajevo.

Without question, one of the better continuing programs we have is getting to know our own members. Thank you, **Gail** and **Laura**.

WHAT TURKEY DAN SAYS IS ON PAGE TWO!

October Program Coordinator
Jim Henry

October 24: Beth Duda, Campaign for Grade Level Reading
October 31: Joe Devore, Club Assembly

November Program Coordinator
Dick Rehmyer

November 7: David Verinder, CEO, Sarasota Memorial Health
Care System

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



LET'S REALLY GET SOCIAL

October 27th: Halloween Party 6 pm 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 Rotary Club of Sarasota reception prior to the event that will include complimentary small bites and a cash bar. Prepare yourself to be enraptured at the Sarasota Opera!

November 16: Pre-Pre-Thanksgiving Pot Luck 6:30 pm at Bill and Debbie Jotham's. Over the river and through the woods, bring a Thanksgiving themed main dish, casserole, salad or dessert and drink of your choice. Try out a new recipe on us before you tempt your family on Thanksgiving Day! Be creative! Heck, we'll try anything!

December 1: Holiday Party. SaraBay Country Club. 7011 Willow Street, Sarasota (North of the airport.) Excellent time last year, so we are returning again this year.



**TURKEY DAN SAYS,
"\$49 to the Family
YMCA gives an indigent
family a Thanksgiving
Family Dinner, thanks
to Publix and the
YMCA Achievers and
Shelter occupants."**

Checks should be made out to the **Sarasota Family YMCA** and delivered to **TURKEY DAN Dannheisser** at the club or his office at 1834 Main Street. In order to coordinate with Publix, the YMCA needs a final counting of monies on hand by Thursday November 8.

For fifteen years in a row, this YMCA program has served Thanksgiving dinners to over 4,000 indigent families, including 530 dinners in 2017. Each dinner includes a turkey large enough to feed a family of eight with Thanksgiving vegetables, sides, and pie. The dinners will be delivered with the assistance of young boys and girls from the Y Achievers and Shelter programs on November 17. Our success in serving these families has been possible only because of your support.

SILENT SUPPORTERS

These photos are samplings of children in our club are sponsoring at the Jakalasi Primary School in Zimbabwe, which is near Victoria Falls. The school receives most of its support from members of the Rotary Club of Victoria Falls and their friends from around the world.

For \$60, you can become one of the club's **SILENT SUPPORTERS.** If you are interested, contact **Suzi Norbeck** medsuzin@aol.com

Victoria Falls is a sight to behold. For those interested in an exhilarating whitewater rafting adventure, there are not many rivers that can give you an experience like rafting the lower Zambezi where category 3 to 5 rapids abound. Jim & Jean Henry did and were the group elders. If they did, so can you.

