

ROTARY CLUB of SARASOTA



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TODAY'S PROGRAM ROTARY CLUB OF SARASOTA ASSEMBLY



President Joe Devore, shown here in a more relaxed state, will conduct a club assembly where members can learn more about club activities, such as Pioneer Picnic and international involvement. Our own Ben Bates, Area 8 Assistant Governor, will be keeping us apprised of District 6960 activities. Select committee chairs may inform club members of their committee's goals and accomplishments. At club assemblies, club members are encouraged to ask questions and voice their thoughts and opinions on club activities.

PREVIOUS MEETING (10/24/2018) BY RON RAYEVICH



\$24,750 is how much the Rotary Club of Sarasota Foundation collected so every child in Sarasota County entering Kindergarten could get a Kindergarten Readiness Bag. Over \$14,000 of the \$24,750 came from you, members of the Rotary Club of Sarasota. The lead partner in this effort was The Patterson Foundation who advanced a total of \$49,000. **Beth Duda, Director of the Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading, which is supported by The Patterson Foundation,** explained that as of the last testing period (Spring of 2018) only 68% of Sarasota County third grade children were able to read at grade level. In other words, one-third of all the third graders in Sarasota County



are NOT able to read at grade level. Those who are not able to read at this level are thirteen times more likely to drop out of high school and thereby will not have adequate skills to find good paying jobs. And thus the cycle continues. Sarasota County is much better than the State of Florida, which overall scores only 57%. Our adjoining county of Manatee scores 49% and DeSoto County only 29% of their third graders are reading at grade level. The cause is not our schools, but rather the conditions faced by those who live in poverty or in homes where English is not the primary language spoken. Children who start kindergarten from these homes are already behind their peers and many are not able to take advantage of summer cultural and learning experiences. They actually fall back as much as 2 1/2 months in reading skills in every year between Kindergarten and Third Grade. The Kindergarten Readiness Bags are just one step, but an important step, to help solve this problem. Thanks, Beth for sharing this story with our Club and really doing something to help the kids in Sarasota, Manatee, Charlotte and DeSoto Counties. We are glad to have been able to partner with you on this important program.

November Program Coordinator
Dick Rehmeyer

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

November 14: Parlane (Par) Reid, Psychiatry

November 21: Dr. Jeffrey Sell, Cardiac and Thoracic Surgery

November 28: Dr. Alan B. Grindal, THE AGING BRAIN

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One Community at the Time.

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**TURKEY DAN SAYS,
"\$49 to the Family
YMCA gives a 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.

PROPOSED NEW MEMBERS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Garrett Grace	Renewable Energy	Rick Hughes
Thomas (Tom) Fitzgerald	Remodeling Contractor	Judy VanHouten
Kurt Rachwitz	Pearlman Development	George Schofield

If no written objections are submitted to the Board of Directors by November 7, these proposed candidates will be eligible to be inducted on or after November 14.



**TONIGHT IS OUR OPERA
SOCIAL. RECEPTION IS AT
6:15 ON THE SECOND FLOOR.**

Travis Rogers (our contact on the second floor) and Ana Bartys will be in the lobby. If you do not see Travis and Ana, take the elevator to the second floor, turn left as you exit, and you will see our group on the left.

If you don't have your tickets, don't worry, you won't need them to get to the reception. Ana will have the tickets and will give them to you.

We are looking for a wonderful musical evening at Sarasota's Opera House. Thank you, Ana.

**LET'S REALLY GET SOCIAL;
EXCELLENT WAY TO MAKE
CONNECTIONS AND HAVE FUN.**

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.

The Social Committee has a surprise for January, and in February, an angel sent a message with it arrow that we may be able to bring our sweethearts to Don Brun's Romantic Palace for Valentine's Day.