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TODAY'S PROGRAM



SANDRA HEMSTEAD, Rotary District 6960 Governor, will be talking with us today about the state of our district and of Rotary in general. Sandra is a member of the Rotary Club of Bonita Springs. Many of you may recall that parts of Bonita Springs were devastated by Hurricane Irma. Governor Sandra has been very influential in getting assistance to the over 200 damaged or destroyed homes in Bonita Springs and other areas in Lee and Collier Counties.



Sandra was also helpful in our club receiving District 6960's first Community Service Grant, a grant that helped All Faiths Food Bank purchase a refrigerated truck used to serve the food insecure in the rural areas of Sarasota and DeSoto counties.

PREVIOUS MEETING (12/05/2018) BY RON RAYEVICH

One fact that I learned at this meeting was that only 24% of Americans even attempt to read one book each year. As I manage to read about a book a week, I find it hard to believe that 76% of the population doesn't even read one book a year. **Denise Chimbos, President of the Friends of the Selby Library**, explained that the Friends have about 250 members and was established in 1978 at the prior downtown Library (later know as the Gee Wiz). With 8 to 10 devoted volunteers, the **Friends of the Library** operate a **book store** within the Selby Library. Funds generated by the resale of gently used books support programs aimed especially toward young readers, many of whom lack the opportunity for reading experiences at home. Save the date of Wednesday, January 9, when the Crystal Ball will be held from 6:00 to 9:00 PM at the Selby Library. For a mere \$30 in advance or \$40 at the door, this People's Ball is a fun event featuring good music by Rev. Barry and the Funk Band, appetizers from 30 restaurants, exhibits, a silent auction and a cash bar. All proceeds go to benefit youth programs at the library.

Linda Condon, one of our Red Badge members who is on her way to obtaining her blue badge, told us more about her and the very interesting life she has led in Boston, San Diego, and Pittsburg and how she and her husband chose to settle in Sarasota. Lucky for us that Anya proposed her and she did join our club. Welcome, Linda.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE CHAIR - BOB GAGLIO

December/January Program Coordinator
Bob Stone

December 19 - Our Own Peter Bartys

No Meeting Dec 26 or Jan 2

Jan 9 - Visiting District Governors-Elect

Jan 15 - Morgan Gerhart, Advancement Director The Players
Centre For Performing Arts:

Jan 23 - Bill Johnston -Past President of the NYSE

Jan 30 - Nikki Logan Curan, managing editor of The Scout Guide
magazine

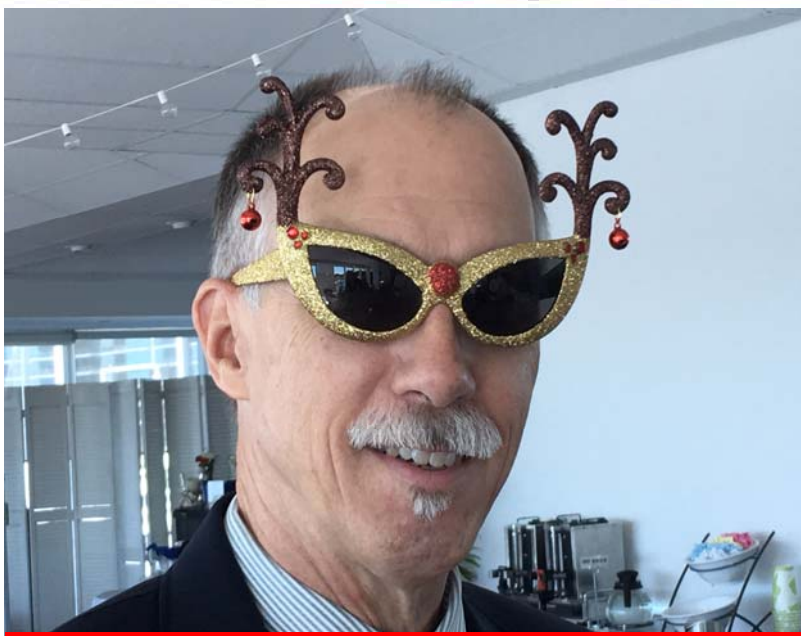
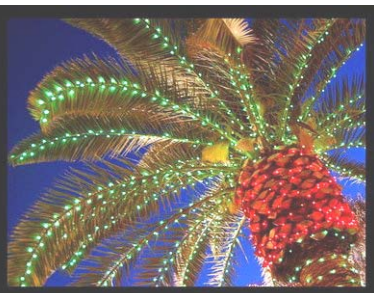
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One Community at the Time.





Chief Elf Bill Jotham and Assistant Elf Ben Bates having fun and serving at the Designing Women's event.

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"Jeepers Creepers, where'd Tim get those Peepers?"