

ROTARY CLUB of SARASOTA



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DISTRICT 6960

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Rotarians in the Rotary Club of Sarasota Rock!!!!



Rotary was well recognized before a large crowd on Thursday.

All Faiths Food Bank Hunger Heroes

Steve Cork – Food Pantries

Nick Rossi accepted for the Rotary Club of Sarasota

Jim Henry accepted for District 6960

Food Insecurity is a major cause of student absenteeism. Rotarians have for years been working with All Faiths Food Bank to help food insecure students and their families. This is but one of the activities Rotarians in the Rotary Club of Sarasota have been doing to help Sarasota County's third grade students (*Presently #2 in systems with over 2,000 third grade students*) become tops in the State of Florida in grade level reading.

Other club initiatives that help Sarasota County's students achieve grade level expectations were/are getting dental equipment for school based dental clinics, continually funding and delivering Kindergarten Readiness Bags to all Kindergartners, and the county's One Book Initiative.

ALERT ALERT ALERT

A Rotary Club's primary purpose is to attract and retain members. Club or International Foundations are instruments that Rotarians, individually or collectively, can use to advance the **Object of Rotary**. The Rotary Club of Sarasota Foundation is launching an on-line initiative designed to encourage the general public and other charitable organizations to help Sarasota County students become tops* in the state of Florida in third grade reading achievement. Club members will receive fund-raising emails or see Facebook, Twitter, or other social media posts.

MEMBERS ARE NOT TO FEEL PRESSURED TO DONATE MORE DOLLARS THAN THEY ALREADY ARE. They are welcome to do so, but the greater value would be for them to share the communication with others, hoping they will understand the initiative to encourage Sarasota County third graders becoming tops in the State in grade-level reading, achieving a goal that will improve their lives and future generations.

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PROGRAM COMMITTEE CHAIR - BOB GAGLIO

February Program Coordinator

Francine DiFilippo Kent

Feb 13 - Jesse White - Sarasota Architectural Salvage

Feb 20 - Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (LECOM)

Feb 27 - Heather Todd - Teen Court

March Program Coordinator

Bob Gaglio

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



TODAY'S PROGRAM

GETTING TO KNOW OUR MEMBERS

BROCK PEOPLES AND LAURA RANDALL



Laura, Director of Development and Alumni Relations at Sarasota Christian School, is our club's vice president. where she "*connects people with their passion,*" and is also a member of the Board of Directors of Sarasota Manatee Association for Riding Therapy (SMART), and a weekly volunteer at this equine therapy farm. She is a member of the Association of Fundraising Professionals and National Association of Charitable Gift Planners. Today we will learn a bit more about her professional and personal life.



Brock, who is on our Public Relations committee (which has yet to meet) is manager of the Selby Library. Brock is known for being an innovative library administrator. He is experienced in facilitating effective policy development, strategic planning, and strong fiscal management. He also has a track-record of increasing community engagement with library services through library outreach and marketing, creative library programming development, and engaging library collection development practices. Proven leader with over ten years of experience developing and leading teams and managing projects.

PREVIOUS MEETING (01/23/2019) BY RON RAYEVICH

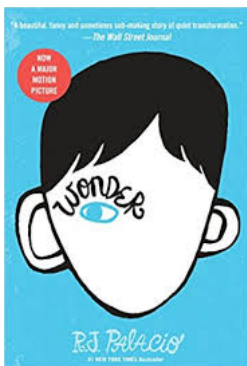
It was a real pleasure to welcome back to our club, **Nikki Logan Curan**, who was a member for a number



of years six or seven years ago. **Nikki is now Editor of The Scout Guide magazine**, which is a publication dedicated to "living beautifully, living well, and living like an insider." The Scout Guide covers an area from Anna Maria Island to Boca Grande and is one of over 60 magazines throughout the nation, which support locally owned businesses that provide unique services in their community. The Scout Guide introduces the reader to premier independently owned businesses where one can discover artists, artisans, entrepreneurs, and experts who can help enhance their life, elevate their surroundings, and enjoy our community to the fullest. Features include "Ones to Watch and Scouting Businesses" and helps celebrate the faces behind places and products that we love. It values craftsmanship and seeks out the authentic, unique, and genuine, and helps connect people with makers, experts and each other and with specific elements of our community. Nikki also regaled us with stories of her trip to Siberia sponsored

by Rotary some years ago. It was good to see you back again, **Nikki**.

ROTARIANS ARE HELPING TEACHERS HELP OUR THIRD GRADERS TO BECOME TOPS IN THE STATE TO ACHIEVE GRADE LEVEL READING.



Sarah Lodge, chair of our club's One Book initiative (*an activity that supports teachers' wishes in helping students achieve grade level expectations*) receives Thank You notes and letters, all of which cannot be published. The adjacent one was particularly touching and illustrates how one student treasured perhaps the only book she has ever received.

