

# ROTARY CLUB of SARASOTA



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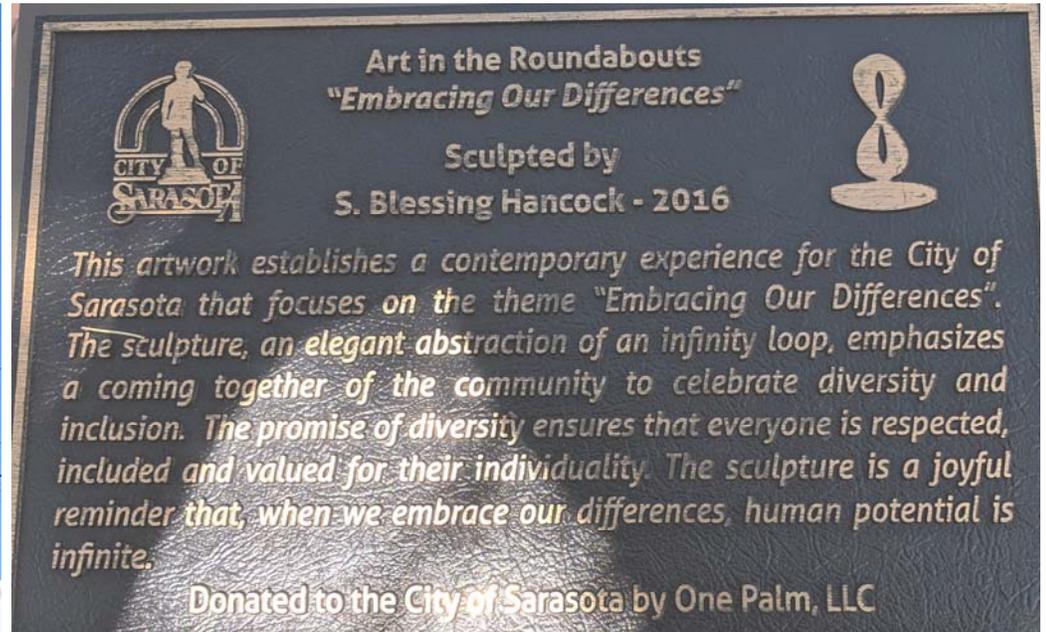
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Standing beside the Main and Orange roundabout the other day I read the plaque describing the sculpture in the middle. Its artistic symbolism struck me as being quite similar to the philosophy of the Object of Rotary and the Rotary Club of Sarasota. Taking a bit of literary license, the Rotary Club of Sarasota is symbolic of *“the coming together of local People of Action celebrating diversity and inclusion where everyone is respected, included, and valued for their individuality. To me, our club is a joyful reminder that, when we embrace our differences, our potential to be a positive influence in our community is infinite.”*

Jim Henry



## SAVE THE DATES

Mar. 7 4:00 until 6 pm Rotary Information Meeting 33 S. Gulfstream Ave Community Room on 2nd Floor

Mar. 9 6:00 pm until ?? Baltimore Orioles vs. New York Yankees Ed Smith Stadium

April 25 5:30 until 7 pm New Member Orientation for Red and new Blue Badge members.  
*More information later on the location.*

PROGRAM COMMITTEE CHAIR - BOB GAGLIO

March Program Coordinator  
Bob Gaglio

March 13—our own David Pilston— Save our Seabirds

# TODAY'S PROGRAM



**Tricia Gisiger**, a graduate of Florida Southern College and the University of South Florida College of Arts and Sciences, is director of the CYESIS (*Greek for pregnancy*) Program at Riverview High School. The CYESIS Program has been part of the school's Drop Out Prevention Program since 1978. Pregnant girls who remain in school have healthier children, and a chance for the future. Tricia has invited Booker Middle School Interact to become involved, and they have accepted it as a community project. Today Tricia and the Interactors will help us understand the significance of this program.

The CYESIS Program originated 1978 because a group of concerned citizens and community agencies saw the need for an educational program for pregnant and parenting teens. CYESIS students are able to stay in school knowing their babies are in a safe environment. The CYESIS Program influenced the State of Florida's decision to guarantee all teen parents the right to an education with additional services available to assist them in the health and care of raising a child.

## PREVIOUS MEETING (02/27/2019) BY RON RAYEVICH

Did you know that in 2018 500 kids in Sarasota County were tried in Teen Court? **Heather Todd, Executive Director of Teen Court of Sarasota, Inc.**, explained that Teen Court has now served Sarasota for 30 years and works with "good kids who have made poor choices" to help them bypass the traditional juvenile court system for a court of their teen peers. Recidivism is only 6 - 8 % for those who have been tried in Teen Court versus 42% in juvenile court. This not only helps at-risk teens change their behavior, but makes them part of the jury systems of peers once they are sentenced. In addition to Heather, **Stephen Campagna**, a prior offender who went through the Teen Court process and, following college and law school, now works with the Teen Court across the state, often as a judge. He firmly believes that "second chances are important" to keep from ruining the lives of young people. Often teens "just don't know" what they are doing and how their criminal actions can adversely impact their lives. The vision of **Teen Court** is "to instill self-esteem in youth by introducing them to the positive benefits of law-abiding citizenship" and thankfully **Teen Court** appears to have succeeded in doing this.



## NOTICE

*To stimulate public awareness and give the public an opportunity to participate in helping Sarasota County students achieve top place in the State's third reading level (in systems with over 2,000 students), an on-line campaign is underway. It would be helpful for Rotarians to help us lead the way by making others aware of this goal.*

**CLUB MEMBERS ARE NOT TO FEEL PRESSURED TO CONTRIBUTE MORE THAN THEY ALREADY HAVE.**

KINDERGARTEN READINESS BAGS, FUNDED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF SARASOTA FOUNDATION AND THE SUNCOAST CAMPAIGN FOR GRADE LEVEL READING, BEING HANDED OUT AT WILKINSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP.

