

ROTARY CLUB of SARASOTA



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SEAN SKINNER

6/14/1944 - 5/3/2019

“Sean was a great Rotarian who made the world better. He will be missed by many and forgotten by none.”

BILL JOTHAM



“Sean and I disagreed on some issues, but that’s a good thing. Without question, he did his best to make the world a better place, starting with his family and spreading outward. Thank you, Sean for sharing your life with me and the rest of us through Rotary.”

Jim Henry



Don Bruns said, *“For three years, Sean kiddingly asked me to write a mystery about someone who lived under the bridge every time I saw him at parties; Saturday morning at Panera, or our Wednesday meetings. So about four weeks ago Linda and I were at Mac-Donald’s South, and he and Pat were there. He asked again...when are you going to write that story? And I said soon. And he said...” It should be very soon, because I haven’t got much time. So on Tuesday of last week, I sent him this story.”*

Sean Skinner lived under the bridge, the span from mainland to the key. Obviously he didn’t live in the water, just on the fifty feet of land before the bridge crossed the bay. And he wasn’t the only one who lived there. There was a core of twelve but the population swelled to thirty in the warmer weather and Sean wasn’t sure they all could be trusted. He trusted the core of twelve, his disciples.

And his day was filled with finding food, finding useful tasks for his devotees, because they depended on him. From the time they rose until the evening, these twelve relied on him to give them direction. And Sean Skinner dealt with that burden. He accepted that burden and tried his level best to keep their trust. Until he didn’t. Until he woke at three in the morning to the red and blue flashing lights, the uniformed officers with pistols drawn and the commanding officer shouting, *“Sean Skinner, stand up and raise your hands. You are under arrest for the murder of Jim Henry. Anything you say can be used...”*

And he zoned out. Didn’t hear anything else. Robotically he rose, raised his hands and tried to remember the night. He couldn’t. There was no recollection.

REST IN PEACE, SEAN SKINNER



WANTED

Program for the Rotary Club of Sarasota

\$ 1 Reward

For Sheriff Tom Knight

Sheriff Tom Knight is the 10th Sheriff of Sarasota County, serving since January 6, 2009. To pursue this office, he left a 20 year career with the Florida Highway Patrol where he held the position of Troop Commander, managing a seven-county region with more than 300 employees, a central communications center, and a \$20 million budget.

Sheriff Knight has lived in Florida since 1973 when his family moved to Sarasota County from western Pennsylvania. He graduated from Venice High School in 1981, attended Manatee Junior College and later transferred to Florida State University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in Criminology in 1986. Sheriff Knight and his wife Tracy have two daughters and currently reside in Venice.

PREVIOUS MEETING (05/1/2019) BY RON RAYEVICH

School safety is certainly a concern of everyone in Sarasota County. **Sarasota County School District Assistant Superintendent and Chief Operating Officer Jeff Maultsby and Chief of School Police Tim Enos** gave us a first hand look at how school safety and security is being handled in Sarasota County. **Jeff Maultsby** oversees six departments for our county schools, including safety and security, and hired **Chief Tim Enos** last November to provide supervision for the 60 School Resource Officers to be located at the 43 public schools and 7 other locations in the county. These SROs are all sworn police officers located directly on the school grounds to help and protect our children. According to Tim Enos, one of the biggest problems is social media, in which students can threaten other students and teachers, but which also can provide authorities clues to anti-social behavior. Chief Enos believes that the key to school safety is having the entire community being aware of possible problems, and then when we "See Something, Say Something, then the authorities can Do Something" to prevent potentially dangerous situations from happening in our schools.

BE A MONTHLY PROGRAM COORDINATOR

The Program committee has made sure we had a variety of excellent programs. This is because each month has a different program coordinator, which vastly spreads our network of potential programs. If you would like to serve the club by organizing for one of the months in our next Rotary year, please contact

Bob Gaglio at rgaglio11@gmail.com

REMAINING PANTRY TIMES AND DATES

Alta Vista
1:45 to 4:00 pm
May 16



Emma E. Booker
1:45 to 3:30 pm
May 14