

ROTARY CLUB of SARASOTA



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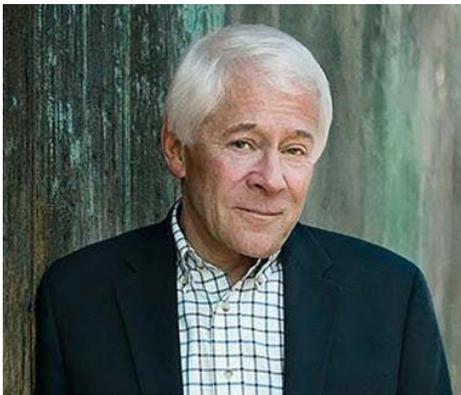
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PROPOSED NEW MEMBER

Name	Classification	Proposed by
Gunther Blaseio	Software Developer-Orthodontist	Andrea Nierenberg

If no written objections are submitted to the Board of Directors by the end of the work day June 25th, Gunther will be inducted shortly thereafter.



The Mystery of Writing
By Gus Mollasis

Don Bruns is a liar and also one hell of a writer. Don't believe me?

Just ask anyone who sits in on today's version of the legendary game of Liar's Poker—the game which became popular locally in the 1950s, when *Andersonville* author MacKinlay Kantor got some of his writer friends together on a Friday at the old Plaza Restaurant in Downtown Sarasota for a round of drinks, or two, or three. Realizing they needed to limit the drinking, they came up with a plan. Whoever lost a game of Liar's Poker bought the one round of drinks that day.

In addition to Kantor, this informal group of friends included locals Karl Bickel, Dick Browne, Walter Farley (*author of The Black Stallion series*), Richard Glendinning, Charlie Husking, John D. MacDonald, Ed Pierce, and Waldo Proffitt. Visitors included Art Buchwald, Buckminster Fuller and Mike Royko. Leslie McFarlane, ghostwriter of the first 21 *Hardy Boy* mysteries, and Budd Schulberg (*On the Waterfront*) were also part of the group.

SAVE THE DATES

YEAR END CELEBRATION AND INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS

Saturday, June 29, 2019 6:30 until ?

The Field Club No Additional Charge for Members or their One Guest

FIRST TUESDAY

Amore Restaurant July 2 First Tuesday Social

SPECIAL MEETING

Wednesday, August 7 Lunch meeting will be the University of South Florida Sarasota

PROGRAM COMMITTEE CHAIR - BOB GAGLIO

June Program Coordinator
Bob Gaglio

June 26 - Holly Kobic — Rotary Youth Exchange Chair

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THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM



Lauren Rudd, founder and president of Rudd International, is a veteran of more than 40 years on Wall Street. He is also a syndicated newspaper columnist with over 27 years of experience writing about Wall Street and the economy. An expert trial witness on investment fraud, he is a nationally recognized public speaker, television commentator and publisher of The Rudd Report.

For the past five years he has taught courses on both investment analysis and economic policy to adults for the Lifelong Learning Academy, a non-profit organization at the University of South Florida that provides investment education to adults.

Lauren is also president of Savannah Capital Management, a company that provides independent research reports for both corporate and venture capital clients. His newspaper columns have a circulation estimated to be in excess of 6 million readers. The website is visited by over 120,000 people each month.

He has been an Investment Consultant for two major brokerage firms, where he developed and implemented strategic sales and marketing programs to reach high net-worth clients.

He was also a consultant to the Bell Laboratories division of AT&T where he was responsible for several programs related to the intelligence sector of the Federal Government, and, in addition, to work in the M&A arena. Lauren has held senior management positions with several major companies, including Exxon and Dun & Bradstreet.

PREVIOUS MEETING (06/12/2019) BY RON RAYEVICH

I really am not very familiar with the **LECOM Stadium** in Bradenton or the adjoining **Pirate City**, so I found **Ray Morris, Manager of Florida Operations**, presentation on these two facilities most interesting. Ray is a graduate of Manatee High School and the University of South Florida. Following a three year internship he eventually ended up in his current position as manager of both LECOM and Pirate City. While I'm sure most of us are familiar with the Pittsburgh Pirates spring training at LECOM Stadium, Ray explained that the facilities operate year around. Pirate City includes 85 dormitory rooms and can house up to 220 baseball players. The facilities at Pirate City also includes a 12,000 sq. ft. gym and a dining facility focusing on sports nutrition. In addition to spring training and minor league training, the complex is also used for youth organizations and adult and fantasy baseball camps. LECOM Stadium, originally built in 1923 was completely remodeled in 1990 and again in 2013 and is home of the Bradenton Marauders from April through September of each year. Ray also explained how the draft for baseball works and how ball players are selected from high school and college for the Pittsburgh Pirates and their various affiliate (minor league) teams.



ALTA VISTA SUMMER PANTRY

Thursdays 2 crews Pack 2-4 pm Distribute 6:15-7 pm

6/20/2019 6/27/2019 7/11/2019

Maarten says he will gladly accept all the help he can get!

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.