

ROTARY CLUB of SARASOTA



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17,134 CHILDREN WERE HELPED LAST SCHOOL YEAR BECAUSE OF THE FOOD PANTRY PROGRAM ROTARIANS OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF SARASOTA HELPED PIONEER.

Hungry children often have higher absentee rates and difficulty learning. Here are how many children and families were served from school pantries last school year:

	Alta Vista	Emma E. Booker	Tuttle	All Pantries
Families Served	661	487	623	8,676
Children Served	1,351	855	962	17,134
Meals Served	16,423	13,761	26,254	280,837

Note: Members and guests of the Rotary Club of Sarasota serve Alta Vista and Emma E. Booker Elementary Schools. The Rotary Club of Longboat Key serves Tuttle Elementary. The Rotary Club of Sarasota Sunrise serves another pantry. Other organizations serve the pantries in many of Sarasota County's elementary, middle, and high schools. 2019-20 will be the last school year that the Rotary Club of Sarasota Foundation funds school pantries, but serving the pantries can continue if members wish to do so. For more details, please contact Nick Rossi.



Congratulations to our *Champion* Ambassador!

Andrea Nierenberg

Your "How to Shop Goodwill" videos have been shared and viewed with almost 1000 friends in your social media network!

Thank you for helping us expand our message and our mission!

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



ROTARY NIGHT AT THE OPERA

Nov. 1 — 7:30 pm.

RIGOLETTO

Ana Bartys, who coordinates our annual Rotary Night at the Opera, has secured 35 tickets. The cost will be **\$83.60**. A deposit of **\$20.00** per ticket is needed when you sign up or shortly thereafter, or your signup will be invalidated. **Checks are to be made out to the Rotary Club of Sarasota.**

There is no reception space available on Nov. 1, but Ana has arranged for an optional group dinner at Umbrellas, the restaurant adjacent to the Opera House. A prix fixe two-course dinner with four entrée choices and salad will be \$33.00 plus tax and gratuity.

A signup sheet will be available at the Wednesday meetings. Please indicate on the signup sheet the number of opera tickets you wish to have and whether or not your party wishes to enjoy dinner at Umbrellas.

If you have any questions, please contact Ana Bartys at anabartys@gmail.com or call her at 941-321-2674.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE CHAIR - BOB GAGLIO
August Program Coordinator - Kevin Tighe

August 21 - Bob Parkinson Communications
August 28 - Bob Stone — S4TL

September Program Coordinator — Dan Dannheisser



THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

Our own Tom Fitzgerald will talk to us today about

Take My Life Back WORx...

A comprehensive addiction treatment and vocational rehabilitation program

Tom is President of **Take My Life Back WORx...** a new organization to help families with Substance Use Disorder and provide long term solutions for a sober and productive lifestyle. Since 1981, Tom has been a Fire Medic, and he was also a Fire Chief from 1995 until 2001. From 1983 to 2007 Tom was partner in Seneca Building. From 2008 until 2018, he owned Lake To Lake Building Company Co., which specialized in custom residential and commercial building projects in the Upstate New York area. From 2015 until 2017 Tom was a managing partner in Rebel Rock Racing and campaigned two International Motor Sports Association cars during that time period. In 2008, Tom founded and was the managing partner of Destiny Racing, a company that supported and raced cars in all motorsports series around the Country. Tom is quiet, unassuming **Person of Action**.

ROTARY 10TH STREET CLEAN UP

WHEN: SATURDAY, AUGUST 17 AT 8:00 AM (TO BEAT THE HEAT)

WHERE: AT CENTRAL AVENUE AND TENTH STREET, ACROSS FROM ARCHITECTURAL SALVAGE

GREAT SERVICE PROJECT OPPORTUNITY TO HELP YOU TURN YOUR RED BADGE TO A BLUE ONE

A GOOD WAY TO GET TO KNOW YOUR FELLOW ROTARIANS BETTER

PLEASE GIVE 40 MINUTES OF YOUR TIME! THANKS!



PREVIOUS MEETING (08/07/2019) BY RON RAYEVICH

It was great to have **Dr. Karen Holbrook, Regional Chancellor of the University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee**, with us to discuss the consolidation of the three campuses of the University of South Florida and the impact on USFSM. **Dr. Holbrook**, who came to USF after serving as President of Ohio State University in 2007 and who has been Chancellor of USFSM since the beginning of 2018, indicated that she supports the consolidation mandated by the Florida legislature, as it should allow USFSM to develop additional programs and build its campus from the current 2100 students to about 6000 students. In addition to an expanded campus, including resident halls and an Integrated Science and Technology Complex, new degree programs will be developed including a BS in Nursing and ultimately a combined MBA and advanced nursing degree to support our growing medical services sector. By remaining an integral part of the University of South Florida, a top 50 research university, USFSM can offer not only Master's Degrees, but ultimately PhDs. Currently USFSM contributes \$130 million in benefits to our community and is allied with the other four colleges in our area to provide additional courses beyond the 40 major degree programs currently offered. Thanks, **Dr. Holbrook**, for coming back to our club to share this information with us. **Karen is a Rotarian; a member of the Longboat Key Club.**



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.