

ROTARY CLUB of SARASOTA



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DISTRICT 6960

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MEMBERS OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF SARASOTA ARE LEADING THE WAY! AGAIN!!

Cooperating with other organizations, all members have helped students achieve grade level expectations by donating their time, treasure, and/or talent. They have helped improve attendance by funding school pantries and equipping school based dental examinations. They have helped all Sarasota county kindergartners get a jump start by co-funding kindergarten readiness bags, and funding teacher-selected books for all first and fourth grade students last year. This year they will fund teacher-selected books for all first through fourth grade students in what Sarasota County Education Department refers to as the

ROTARY READING PROJECT*

*Supporting Rotary Clubs as of
August 19, 2019

Sarasota
Sarasota Sunrise
Sarasota Southside
Englewood
Englewood Lemon Bay Sunrise
Murdock
Venice Sunrise



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.**

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

September Program Coordinator — Dan Dannheisser

Sept 18 — Liz Alpert - Mayor of Sarasota

Sept 25 — Ariel Serrano - Sarasota Cuban Ballet



THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM



Richard Kirschner
District Governor

We are privileged to have our Rotary District 6960 governor, **Richard (Rich) Kirschner** visit us. He will be accompanied by his wife and aide, **Nancy**. Both are members of the Rotary Club of Naples.



Nancy Kirschner
Governor's Aide
(without whom Rich couldn't function!)

District 6960



Southwest Florida



Districts are administrative divisions of Rotary International (RI). District Governors are officers of RI, and their primary duty is to guide the district in helping its clubs advance the **Object of Rotary**. Several members of the Rotary Club of Sarasota have had the honor of serving as District 6960 Governors. While three are no longer with us, two are: **Dick Rehmyer** in 2001-02, and **Jim Henry** in 2003-04. Two others, **Pam Akins** and **Donna D'Agostino**, served as Governors of other districts before becoming members of our club.

RICH AND NANCY—WELCOME TO THE ROTARY CLUB OF SARASOTA.

PREVIOUS MEETING (09/11/2019) BY RON RAYEVICH



Our own **Laura Randall**, **President-Elect of the Rotary Club of Sarasota**, discussed her trip to the **Rotary International Convention** in Hamburg, Germany. **Laura** was among the 27,000 attendees from 170 countries around the globe in attendance at the June, 2019 convention. **Laura** was able to attend a variety of breakout sessions on topics such as improving the power of the Rotary's *People of Action* brand, and partnerships for collaborating on larger projects. One of the keys to a stronger club is a meaningful project that fulfills community needs *(and we certainly have several of those)*. Highlights of the conference are the international speakers



and the Rotary House of Friendship, which allows Rotarians to get a better idea of what clubs around the world are doing to improve their communities, stop human trafficking, and end hunger worldwide by 2030. Thanks, **Laura**, for representing our club at the 2019 International Convention.

NEXT YEAR'S CONVENTION WILL BE IN HONOLULU, HAWAII!

Wouldn't it be wonderful if a number of members could attend and take some tours before and/or after guided by or with the advice of our own Garret Grace, past president of the Rotary Club of Honolulu?

JRH says it is not too early to make plans, and you should believe him. More than likely it would be an unforgettable experience.

Diamond Head—O'ahu



Volcano National Park—Hawaii



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 grade 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 WISH TO.