

ROTARY CLUB of SARASOTA



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Coming Attractions



Dining for Women
Changing the World One Dinner at a Time

February 18, 2020: 6:30 pm
Joe and Linda Formella
6210 Stillwater Court
University Park

SCAVENGER HUNT!

FEBRUARY 28 5 TO 7 PM
ARCHITECTURAL SALVAGE
BYOB, PIZZA BY MELLOW MUSHROOM
A HUNTER WILL WIN ONE OF THE
SCAVENGER HUNT ITEMS.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY



best green suit, hat or socks or all three!

Saturday, March 21st 6 pm at the home of Social Committee member, Karen Wreder! BYOB and a dish to share and please wear your

PROGRAM COMMITTEE CHAIR
BOB GAGLIO

February Program Coordinator
Bob Stone

February 19 - Donna Leigh-Estes The ABA Academy
February 26 - Stu Gilfillen US Sailing

ROTARACT CLUB OF NEW COLLEGE



L to R—**Nicole Gelfert** (*advisor*); **Dylan Gelderman** (*Secretary*); **Madison "Madi" Markham** (*Treasurer*); **Tim Milligan** (*Past District Governor*); **Bella Shuler** (*President*); **Melody Scott** (*Program Chair*); Rotary Mentors Paul Mlotok & Maarten Meckman.

ROTARY READING PROJECT'S GOAL

The goal of this project is not to pass out books. Any person or any organization can do that. This project's goal is to help teachers help Sarasota County's students improve in their grade level reading rates, which will improve the students' opportunity to have better lives.

The
Rotary
Foundation
Doing Good in the World



Gates Foundation Renews 2:1 Match for Rotary Donations

Help Rotary eradicate polio.

Turn your \$100 gift into \$300 with the Gates Foundation Match. Donate with a check to "The Rotary Foundation" or online at endpolio.org.



Rotary  **PEOPLE of ACTION**

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

JESSIE CURRY



Jessie is vice president of Roofing by Curry. He is the youngest son of the founder, Gary Curry joined the company in 1998 when he was 21 years old. Gary personally taught him how to install shingles as well as how to take pride in his work. Compared to his previous job where he managed a local fast food restaurant, roofing was great!

Jessie loves being outside, in different locations, earning a decent living, and having the best view around! Since joining the company, he has performed almost every position the company has to offer. This includes leak repairs, estimating, answering the phones and more. At present, he is head of operations and has been blessed to work with some of the most talented people in the roofing industry.

His wife, Grisel, and son, Jesse Jr., also work with him, and it's been a great experience working together. His goal every day is to continually improve his customer's experience. Roofing is not the most glamorous venture, but it is part of who he is and he loves it!

CLUB MEMBER DR. GEORGE SCHOFIELD

will be a keynote speaker at the Sarasota Institute's March 7 symposium with a presentation entitled "**A Radical Look at Competence and Health**". Part of the Institute's symposium takes a look at the direction of healthcare and medicine in the 21st century. The event will be in the Neel Performing Arts Center on the State College of Florida's campus. All Rotarians, along with their families and colleagues, are invited to invest in their professional and individual futures by registering and participating in these important and informative symposiums.

The new Sarasota Institute is a 21st Century think tank considering solutions to big questions facing Sarasota, the world, and the United States today. David Houle, Sarasota resident and internationally known futurist as well as futurist for Ringling College of Art and Design, and his cofounders, in partnership with prominent Founding Advisors, have created the Institute to advance our thinking and inform our actions at all levels.

For more information and to register, go to <https://sarasotainstitute.global/event-listings/#!event/2020/3/7/the-new-health-age-of-the-21st-century>.

PREVIOUS MEETING (2/5/2020) BY RON RAYEVICH

It was a pleasure to welcome **Jim Dooley**, a 40-year Rotarian from Arcadia. Jim has lived around Lake Okeechobee for nearly his entire life and did a great job of presenting the topic "**Death of the Everglades**". Like most people I thought that the culprit which caused the pollution of Lake Okeechobee was the sugar industry, cattle ranching and farming around the lake. Jim went back to 1880 and explained how Hamilton Disston's control of millions of acres in central and south Florida began the effort to drain swamp lands north and south of the lake by increasing runoff into the lake. Prior to WWI multiple canals were built to try and convert wet lands into farmable areas, but the hurricanes of 1926 and 1928 caused extensive damage and loss of life around the lake. Following WWII the Army Corps of Engineers built higher dikes to control the flooding around Lake Okeechobee. While agriculture was the original cause of lake pollution, since the 1980's these issues have been solved by containment ponds within the agricultural areas, but not so the pollution coming from the north by way of the Kissimmee River from the extraordinary growth of Orlando. The polluted Okeechobee now has no outlet except by way of rivers leading to the areas around Ft. Myers and Stuart, Florida. The result has been extensive concentrations of algae pouring into the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic when Lake Okeechobee reaches flood levels. The solution seems to be to control the pollution coming into the lake from the north along the Kissimmee River. Thanks, **Jim**, for sharing with us this powerful story.

