

ROTARY CLUB of SARASOTA



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DISTRICT 6960

ZONE 34

PRESIDENT – JEFF MEYER

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Coming Attractions



Saturday March 7

Interactors will be joining the cleanup crew this Saturday.

8 a.m. at Tenth Street and Central Avenue.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY



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

please wear your best green suit, hat or socks or all three!

GIVING CHALLENGE

NOON APRIL 28 to
NOON APRIL 29

Be The One

PROGRAM COMMITTEE CHAIR
BOB GAGLIO

March Program Coordinator
Bob Gaglio

March 11 - Member Talks - Karl Jackson
and Ken Dean

March 18 - Sarasota Sheriff's Office Col. Herb
Hoffman



BEN IN TIGHTS

OR

HOW MEMBERS SERVE THE COMMUNITY OUTSIDE THE
REALM OF ROTARY

Santa (*Bill Jotham*) and Elf (*Ben Bates*) assisted The Downtown Sarasota Alliance in celebrating Christmas. In recognition of their service, the Alliance donated \$1,210 to the Rotary Club of Sarasota Foundation.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

BILL SADLO

MORE OF HOW ROTARIANS MAKE THE WORLD BETTER, ONE COMMUNITY AT THE TIME.



Bill's kind of busy defines a lifetime career at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Sarasota County, where he started in 1987, in his senior year in high school, as a part-time teacher and coach, and that has brought him to where he is today—President/CEO of the Club, a position he accepted in 2011.

After getting his B.S. degree in Secondary Education from the University of South Florida (USF) in 1992, Bill accepted a full-time position at the Boys & Girls Club and has over the years been Counselor, Program Director, Area Director, and Chief Operating Officer of the club before succeeding J. Mack Reid as President and CEO.

When Bill first joined in 1987, the Sarasota Boys' Club, as it was then known, had around 500 members. That number has now grown to 7,000, 53% of whom are boys and 47% girls. With a \$6,000,000 operating budget, there are now 5 full-service Boys & Girls Clubs in Sarasota County, 4 school sites (after school activities), and one recently opened (July 2018) club in Arcadia (De Soto County). There are approximately 150 staff members in Sarasota County, of which 30 are full-time paid staff, and a number of volunteer tutors and trainers.

Serving boys and girls aged from 6 to 18, the Boys & Girls Clubs that Bill Sadlo runs as CEO are there for them particularly after school and on school holidays. On weekends, mostly teen activities are offered. A wide variety of programs is offered including Character and Leadership Development, Education and Career Development, Health and Life Skills, the Arts, and Sports, Fitness and Recreation.



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF AMERICA**

Bill is particularly proud about the fact that more than 50% of the club's alumni have expressed the feeling that the club has hugely changed their lives for the better and in many cases, both figuratively and literally, saved it.

Under Bill's stewardship, the club focuses on touching three areas in every child's life as he or she grows up: academic success, the development of good character and citizenship, and a healthy lifestyle. Kids, says Bill, want adults to care about them, and by providing caring adults, the club makes a huge and positive difference in young lives.

As you talk with Bill, you sense his passion about the Boys & Girls Clubs of Sarasota. The clubs have become part of who he is, and vice versa. He is proudest of the growth that the organization has experienced and continues to experience, and the services to our Sarasota County youth that the club provides: retaining them and providing them with college and career preparation that otherwise they would not have had.

In 2017, Bill celebrated his 30th year in the Boys & Girls Clubs movement. He has been married to his wife Robyn since 1995, and they have two children.

PREVIOUS MEETING (2/26/2020) BY RON RAYEVICH



Living in a place like Sarasota, the bay and gulf are always nearby. I grew up in San Diego, and one of my regrets during my youth was that I could not take advantage of the water sports activities available there because my parents really couldn't afford it. Today, according to our speaker, **Stu Gilfillen, Director of Education at US Sailing**, affordability is no longer an obstacle for children in Sarasota who want to learn how to sail. As an award winning director of the Year Round Community Sailing Program, **Stu** says that **US Sailing** is prepared to support children from a variety of different backgrounds who are ready to take advantage of the life skills that sailing provides them, and build memories that can often only come from time on our beautiful bays and gulf waters. Children as young as 5 or 6 can benefit from these programs, but probably those 8 years of age and up

through high school will most appreciate the opportunity to learn sailing.

Today learning to sail is taught to nearly 340,000 children around the US. Children in these sailing programs end up as better students and healthier individuals than those not exposed to sports like sailing. Thanks, **Stu**, for reminding us why living here in Sarasota by our beautiful bay and gulf offers so many advantages, not only for adults, but for children as well.

