

ROTARY CLUB of SARASOTA



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DISTRICT 6960

ZONE 34

PRESIDENT – JEFF MEYER

Classification: Vice President, Investments

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SMILE, the weekly club newsletter

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Coming Attractions

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

Earn Points as you support the Club's Projects & Programs

while making it easier on those who record your pledge manually, including *Bonnie and Jim Henry*.

Simply go to <https://www.rotaryclubofsarasota.com/rcs-foundation/>

& select **ANNUAL FUND.**

PROGRAM COMMITTEE CHAIR
BOB GAGLIO

March Program Coordinator
Bob Gaglio

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

March 25 - RYLA, - RYLA Attendees
RYLA is Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

“THE ROTARY CLUB OF SARASOTA IS JUST A SOCIAL CLUB!”

I overheard this comment recently. In the context of the conversation, which we have all heard at one time or another, it was not intended to be a statement of fact or compliment.

Personally, I am proud to be a member of this social club because that is just what it is - a social club. And so are all other Rotary clubs. In the United States all Rotary clubs are legally defined as *social welfare organizations*, which, by common definition, are groups that ensure the well-being of the citizens in their neighborhoods, villages, communities, nations, and the world.

And believe me, the members of the Rotary Club of Sarasota, while having different personal calls to action and philosophies, are *People of Action* who come together to socialize, communicate, share, support, and have fun while keeping abreast with what is going on in our community and the world. Some are *People of Action* who feel great when hands-on serving the well-being of others. Some are *People of Action* who own and or operate companies that serve personal and community needs and look out for the well-being of their employees and families and, when they can, write checks to support projects and programs that help ensure the well-being of others. Some are *People of Action* that serve the well-being of many by helping others with their legal and/or medical needs, housing needs, and/or financial needs. Some are *People of Action* who have reached the time in life when their most valuable service is offering guidance and financial support on projects that help ensure the well-being of many.

So YES. The Rotary Club of Sarasota is just a social club, and I am honored to be able to socialize with the likes of Bill Sadlo, Sarah Lodge, Ken Dean, Laura Randal, Bob Klosterman, Peg Cork, Dick Rehmeyer, Jon Swift, Scott Eller, Lee-En Chung, Jay Riggs, Rick Hughes, Anya Keogh, Zain Hartman, Kumar Mahadevan, Andrea Nierenberg, Garrett Grace, Judy VanHouten, Fritz Schwimmer, Laura Plum, Ron Rayevich, Jo Rutstein, Nick Rossi, Yuliya Sqaim, Don Bruns, Steve Stegall, Pam Akins, Dan Dannheiser, all unnamed members of the Rotary Club of Sarasota, and all other Rotarians, Interactors, and Rotaractors who read this. *Jim Henry*



MEMBERS OF ROTARY'S SOCIAL CLUBS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

SPEARHEADED THIS.

The
Rotary
Foundation
Doing Good in the World



PolioPlus Facts

- In 1985 when Rotary started PolioPlus, there were 350,000 polio cases annually in 122 countries.
- In 2019, there were 173 wild polio cases in only 2 countries, Afghanistan and Pakistan.



- With the Gates Foundation matches, Rotary has contributed more than \$2 billion to wipe out polio.
- Since Rotary began PolioPlus, 18 million children have been spared death or disability from polio.

Do your part to End Polio: Give at endpolio.org



THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

MEMBER TALKS

GET TO KNOW OUR OWN MEMBERS.



Ken Dean

The Rotary Club of Sarasota has over one hundred active and retired members, not including honorary members. We do not have a chance to socialize with each one personally, but there is little doubt that every member is, or has been, a

Person of Action

whose actions continue to help make the world better, one community at the time.



Carl Jackson

PREVIOUS MEETING (3/4/2020) BY RON RAYEVICH



L to R: Bill Sadlo; Forgettable; Vanessa Tase' Sueiro, Boys and Girls Club Member; Suriya Klong, Dir. of Teen Initiatives; Forgettable Too

It was great to have fellow Rotarian **Bill Sadlo, President and CEO of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Sarasota County**, update us as to the activities of the clubs in our area. There are 5100 active members in the five clubs serving Sarasota, Newtown, North Port, Venice, and Arcadia. The largest and original club on Fruitville Rd near the fairground is about to have its 50th anniversary. When Bill joined the club in 1987 there were just 500 members at this one facility. Today with a \$6.7 million budget the clubs provide a variety of programs for the youth of this area from age 6 to 18. Recently the club has expanded its offering to provide enhanced programs for teen members, under the direction of **Suriya Klong**. These programs include exposure to career opportunities, college application preparation and tours of colleges, essay writing, developing an understanding of finance, and seed money for entrepreneurial projects. Riverview High School senior and **Youth of the Year, Vanessa Tase Sueiro**, explained

how she benefited from being a member of the **Boys and Girls Club**, as well as having attended Rotary's S4TL leadership program in Lakeland. Following high school, she plans to go to Barnard College in NYC and major in communications. Thanks to **Bill, Suriya, and Vanessa** for giving us a terrific insight into how the **Boys and Girls Clubs** are helping the youth of the greater Sarasota community.



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF AMERICA

PROPOSED NEW MEMBER

Name	Classification	Proposed by
Patti Folino	Principal—Elementary	Maarten Meckman

If no written objections are submitted to the Board of Directors by the end of the work day March 17, Patti will be invited to our club's next Rotary Information Meeting.

CRUISE HAWAII WITH OTHER ROTARIANS

Some members have already signed up with Rotarian Steve Briggs' agency — VIP World Travel.

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