

ROTARY CLUB of SARASOTA



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FUTURE ZOOMS

In addition to our Wednesday meeting.

Saturday Morning

Time: 9:00am -10:30am

Drop ins and outs are welcome

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Rotary Club of Sarasota Lunch Meeting

Noon Wednesdays

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BEING SOCIAL IN A SOCIAL DISTANCING WORLD



I think I can say that I know every Rotarian in our club. I've talked with you before and after Wednesday meetings, I've met your spouse at a Social Event or Happy Hour. We've shared a laugh or two along with a glass of wine (or two). I've seen you at ball games, monthly theme socials, the circus event, our Holiday Party and Induction Ceremony. Some of you have become dear personal friends to Jim and me. I've reached out to you in times of need and you came through for me. I value each one of you, and treasure the memories

of greeting you with a hug and a warm personal message. I feel compelled to write this editorial because I am totally lost without my Rotary Club friends right now. I couldn't write this if I hadn't developed a social relationship with you.

I think that now, more than ever, we need to remain socially engaged. We need to grab every opportunity to connect. If not through a Saturday morning coffee on Zoom, then we need to make it a point to sign on to our virtual Wednesday meeting. We need to look to DaCdb or our Member Directory to make calls and check in on each other.

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Dining for Women
Changing the World One Dinner at a Time

Tuesday May 19 from 6:45pm to 7:30pm

If you'd like to be included please email Jim Marsey's wife, **Ellen**, who will be the Zoom host, at

epmarsey99@gmail.com

notifying her you will attend and what email address you want to use.

Prior to May 19 Ellen will send each attendee an email that contains a link to the zoom meeting. All you have to do is click on the link, and at 6:45 you will be admitted to the meeting. You do not have to have the Zoom app on your computer or phone.

If you have any questions call Jim Marsey at 440-336-5852

PROGRAM COMMITTEE CHAIR

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May 20 Sabrina Marzaro Prof. of Marketing, FIT
Unleashing Your Creativity

May 27 Judy Sanchez US Sugar
US Sugar & Farmers

Rotary



PEOPLE OF ACTION

THIS WEEK'S SPEAKER

Air Travel during COVID-19



Angie Woodruff works for JetBlue Airways in New York City. With over 15 years of IT experience, she has led global teams and championed organizational efficiencies. Angie has a Master's degree in Computer Science.

She is an HGTV fanatic and a recovering real estate investor. She totally loves visiting model homes. Who knows where her next investment will be? Perhaps the JetBlue direct flight from JFK to SRQ will bring her to sunny Sarasota...

As a world traveler, she has walked the Great Wall of China, crawled into the depths of the Pyramids of Giza in Cairo and floated on a banana-leaf raft in India.

PREVIOUS VIRTUAL MEETING (MAY 6) BY RON RAYEVICH

It was great to have a speaker at our virtual club meeting attended by 43 members and our District Governor-Elect via Zoom. Lee An Chung introduced **John Horne**, who is not only the owner of the four **Anna Marie Oyster Bar Restaurants** in Manatee County, but also serves on the **Executive Committee of the Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association**. This is the largest association by membership in the state and represents the interests of restaurants and hotels with the legislature in Tallahassee. Clearly, as Florida's largest industry by number of employees, things are not well. **John** gave us a number of useful insights into the problems being faced by restaurants in our State now trying to reopen in accordance with Phase I of Governor's efforts to get our economy going again while still trying to control the spread of the COVID-19. Restaurants are worried about the safety of both their employees (*John has 300 at his four **Anne Marie Oyster Bar** locations*) and of course their customers (*John has 32,000*). According to **John Horne**, 50% of his customer base is still worried about eating out, but more would be willing to dine outside if seating was available. This is reason to use parking lots and streets (*Main Street in downtown Sarasota*) as dining locations. Most restaurants have applied under the CARE's Act Personnel Protection Program to support their staff with salary and tips while the restaurants have been closed, but this cannot go on forever. Thanks, **John**, for sharing you insights during this troubled time and best wishes for a successful reopening of **Anna Marie Oyster Bar**. (*I love the fried clam strips and oysters.*)



Judy



Rotary is a social organization, and doggone it, we have to keep waving that flag as our mantra! Having a sense of belonging to a group of likeminded people is a human need, just like the need for food and shelter. Feeling that you belong is most important in seeing value in your life and in coping with challenges; a sense of belonging is made only when we've developed social relationships with fellow members.

We know that Rotarians are **People of Action**. We make things happen. We've stepped up when needs arise, and seek out areas where we can make a positive impact. We mentor school kids looking for direction and a sense of pride, we clean up city streets and help feed hungry families. We teach children about the importance of water safety and give them books to treasure as we feed their minds.

We participate in worldwide projects that feed the heart and soul of those in poverty and despair. Each time we participate in a service function with fellow Rotarians, we are developing and strengthening a social relationship. You don't need to slap a person on the back and raise a pint together to have a bond with a Rotarian, though the bond of friendship is truly the reward at the end of the day.

I, along with a few others in the club, are looking at ways to draw us closer together. Are they big projects that impact our community? Maybe some will be. But for the most part, we're exploring new ways to strengthen our social connections with each other. We must serve our club members first in order to grow and seal bonds and attract new members. We have to find ways to appeal to our interests that will draw us together in our club. Is it a Progressive Dinner Group, a Book Review Group, a Boating Group, a Dance Group, a Bridge Group? Why not?? Let's stay as social as we can these days! I miss you and look forward to gathering together again....in whatever form that might be.

