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Rotary Club of Sarasota Lunch Meeting

Noon Wednesdays

Continuing Link. Really.

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I must apologize. I was in error by saying that the link in last week's SMILE was a continuing link. It was not, but I have been assured by President Jeff that the above link is a continuing link to our weekly Zoom Meeting. To make yourself comfortable, give it a try now and see what happens. *Jim Henry*

POLITICS IN ROTARY? OF COURSE! WITHOUT POLITICKING, NOTHING GETS DONE.

or

Please try not to piss off Jim Henry

Historically Rotarians are *People of Action* before they become Rotarians. They were already striving to make their community a better place. When they join the Rotary Club of Sarasota, they generally want to network with, politic with, like-minded *People of Action*. So it really irritates me, or sometimes downright pisses me off, when I hear a comment that implies that the Rotarians in the Rotary Club of Sarasota do not do anything but socialize, which, like it or not, involves politicking.

Many people do not like the word politics, but without political skills, coalitions cannot to build whether the coalition is two people committed to having a successful relationship or numerous people applying their resources to accomplish great things. Take for instance the club's Reading Project. It has the physical and financial support not only of many members, but also of several other Rotary clubs and community institutions. This took, and continues to take, socializing and politicking i.e. continually developing relationships.

The Rotary Club of Sarasota is populated by local *People of Action*. While I will no doubt leave something out for which I apologize, visualize that outside the realm of Rotary, club members are, or have been, involved in some manner with Boys and Girls Clubs, All Faiths Food Bank, the Literacy Council, and other literacy organizations, and the Community Foundation of Sarasota County. Some have served, and still serve, on Sarasota Memorial's Board of Directors. Several are serving the Salvation Army. Some professionally and voluntarily are assisting Sarasota with the homeless and, at the other end of the spectrum - retirement and nursing homes. Many have, locally and nationally, served their city and/or county and/or state as officials, as committee chairs, on boards of directors or councils and/or in many other positions. Some of our members presently serve, or have served, international organizations. Many have their own companies that furnish employment for hundreds of people. And when they socialize with each other, more happen.

Ron Rayevich, during the years he served the club as Treasurer, Rotary Club of Sarasota Foundation, recalls that the members have collectively funded projects at The Salvation Army (*a bed and meals for a homeless person for 6 months*); a playground at Children's First, and, after Hurricane Erma, funded emergency repairs at the *The Haven*.

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PROGRAM COMMITTEE CHAIR
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May 20 May 27 Judy Sanchez US Sugar
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THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM CULTIVATE YOUR CREATIVITY



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PREVIOUS VIRTUAL MEETING (MAY 13) BY RON RAYEVICH

The number of attendees via Zoom continues to grow each week with 52 members and friends Zooming this meeting. Our speaker was **Angie Woodruff**, representing **Jet Blue**, who provided us an excellent overview of the issues facing the airline industry during the current corona virus pandemic as well as some of the unique features of **Jet Blue's** non-stop flights to Kennedy International Airport in NYC from SRQ. **Jet Blue** Airlines is dedicated to "Bringing Humanity to Air Travel" and providing its customers with air travel that is "safe, caring, passionate, and fun, with integrity." **Jet Blue** provides its passenger with freshly filtered air circulating every three minutes and vacant middle seats to provide for safer flying following the COVID-19 outbreak. Its newer fleet of jets are highly sanitized inside to assure the health of its customers, and each passenger and crew member will be tested for symptoms of prior to boarding. While currently **Jet Blue** and other domestic airlines are flying well below post COVID-19 load factors, air travel is once again operating, and SRQ is ready for passengers, as is **Jet Blue**. Thanks **Angie** for bringing us up-to-date on what we can expect in our air travels in the near future. I am flying on May 21-23 and will let the club know how things appear once I safely return.



Politicking Continued

For a couple of years the club furnished backpacks for Alta Vista and Emma E. Booker students, then five years ago under the leadership of **Nick Rossi**, the club partnered with All Faiths Food Bank to pioneer School-Based Food Pantries, which ultimately spread throughout the county. Several years ago, members helped with hurricane relief for the Philippines following a tropical cyclone, and, as most members know, for well over forty years the club sponsored the Pioneer Picnic.

Under the leadership of **Steve** and **Peg Cork**, the club has sponsored a couple of Interact clubs and has raised the funds for the Interactors to earn experiences they most likely would not have enjoyed had club members not desired to support Steve and Peg. Visualize middle school Interactors helping elementary students become better readers. Directly and indirectly, sponsoring the Interact Clubs has been beneficial to all concerned.

Lois Schaper, serving the club as International Committee chair, recalls that between 2015 and 2017, the club furnished 300 stoves in the Guatemala **Stop the Smoke** project while supporting water, sanitation, and educational projects in Thailand. In the Philippines, the club partnered with the Manila club in Global Grant furnishing a mobile computer lab designed to teach math and English skills at various schools as well as helping a water and sanitation Global Grant. During the last five to ten years the club has funded Shelter Boxes for Syrian Refugees and Ecuador earthquake victims and helped a Daycare and Pre-School project in Tanzania while continuing to support children in the Jakalasi School for Children in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe. The club has also partnered in a Sierra Leone water project, and participated with the Lakewood Ranch on a Guatemalan water and sanitation project. Also, the club has helped with disaster relief from hurricane damage in Puerto Rico and the Bahamas, and helped with water and sanitation projects in Kenya, India, and Bhutan. Not only that, through **Dining for Women**, members gather monthly to socialize while funding projects that help women and children in various projects throughout the world.

I have a very difficult time believing that the above could be accomplished if *People of Action* did not socialize - politick - with and support each others goals and ambitions.

Jim Henry

2019-20 Award Nomination (Please type or print clearly)

Name of Nominator: (please print) _____

Signature of Nominator: _____ **Date:** _____

In the space provided and/or on the back of this page or separate attachment, please include as much material as desired to support your nominations.

1. ROOKIE OF THE YEAR AWARD (Circle One Name Only and Explain Your Choice) :

Gunther Blasio

Zain Hartman

Ruth McLaren

Yuliya Swain

Tony Swart

Kevin Tighe

2. CITIZEN OF THE YEAR (NON-ROTARIAN) AWARD:

3. SEAN SKINNER FELLOWSHIP AWARD:

4. ED PIERCE ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD (Include A Description of Activities and Achievements as a Rotarian and Independent of Rotary)

The Awards Committee is once again coordinating the process of selecting Rotarians from our club and one non-Rotarian to receive awards at the upcoming installation banquet for their service to our community. The members of the Awards Committee this year are Jayne Cory, Tim Herring, Joe Formella, and Joel Walters.

Those deserving of awards are often not those individuals featured in the headlines – rather those individuals who live the 4-Way Test every day, making our community an even better place to live. It is requested that you, as a member of our Club, provide to the committee the names of those people who you believe are worthy of consideration for the awards described below. For each person nominated, please identify the award that you feel is appropriate, the reasons for your nomination and specific examples of the nominee's adherence to the 4-Way test and the criteria for the particular award. Please give special consideration to members who did not receive an award in either of the last two years.

Rookie of the Year Award: The nominee must be a new member who has become very involved in Club activities and who, otherwise, has made a significant impact in supporting and strengthening the Club. The persons who are eligible for this award are: Gunther Blasio, Zain Hartman, Melissa Kotler, Ruth McLaren, Yuliya Swain, Tony Swart, Kevin Tighe.

Ed Pierce Rotarian of the Year: The nominee should have demonstrated high ethical standards, and exemplary humanitarian service, with an emphasis on personal volunteer efforts and active involvement in helping others through Rotary. Because this is the Club's highest service recognition, a recipient's high ethical standards and exemplary service **must extend beyond the Club level and occur over an extended period of time.**

Sean Skinner Fellowship Award: The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster, FIRST: The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service. The nominee for this award should be the person who has consistently enhanced the experience of Club members at meetings and Club events by: being friendly and welcoming; showing a genuine concern for others; forging lasting friendships with others; fostering fellowship and networking among members and engaging others through constructive commentary and humor.

Citizen of the Year: This award is given to recognize lifelong humanitarian efforts and contributions to the Sarasota community by a non-Rotarian. To be eligible an individual should have exemplified the Rotary creed of "Service above Self" as a lifetime achievement, not as a single significant service. The individual should live and/or work in Sarasota. The individual must have influenced or aided in the advancement of a community ideal, such as education, charity, civic cooperation, beautification, patriotism or other cause.

- Only one award will be given to a person in any Rotary year.
- The award recipient (other than Citizen of the Year) must be an active Rotarian in good standing.
- Special consideration should be given to nominating and giving awards to members who ***did not*** receive an award during the past two years. The following Rotarians ***did*** receive an award during the last two years: Karen Wreder, Sarah Lodge, Nick Rossi and Louis Schwartz.
- Rotarians who are ineligible for an award are: current club president; and current, incoming, and **immediate** past district governors, and members of the Awards Committee. Please note that, for this Rotary year, there are no members of the Club who are current, incoming or immediate past district governors who cannot be considered for an award.