

ROTARY CLUB of SARASOTA



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WE'RE B A A A C K!

We are meeting once again at Marina Jack. The room is limited to 50. Reservations are required, and the limit is fifty on a first come first serve basis. The lunch will be \$18 collected at the meeting. Due to physical distancing payment by Venmo or check is preferred, but \$20 cash will be accepted. Make a reservation by going to <https://forms.gle/F6witkSqJXFUHjHj8> and registering. Please register only if you plan to attend, because the club will have to pay for fifty lunches. Rotarians only, no guests. See back page for more information.

AWARDS AND INSTALLATION

CELEBRATION

JUNE 27, 2020

SARASOTA YACHT CLUB

TO MAKE RESERVATIONS PLEASE GO TO

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GETTING TO KNOW OUR MEMBERS, FEATURING ZAIN HARTMAN

Zain and his wife, Brooke, relocated to Florida following their professional careers in Virginia and work together as a team at Premier Sotheby's International Realty, specializing in luxury residential home sales and purchases. Originally from a Missouri ranch, Zain left his small town on a basketball scholarship at Lyon College. Zain received his Bachelor of Science in entrepreneurship from Virginia Commonwealth University, and a Master of Business Administration with a focus in finance from Missouri State University.

Zain began his real estate career at a start-up private equity firm based in New York City, where Zain assisted in property management and led business strategy. As he advanced in his career, Zain joined a large real estate development and construction company in the Metro Washington, D.C., area, serving as an acquisitions specialist and asset manager.

In his spare time, Zain enjoys all of the area's outdoor activities, such as fishing, kayaking and horseback riding. Zain and Brooke love to travel and explore new cultures and hideaways around the world. Finally, Zain is excited to be part of the Rotary Club of Sarasota and eager to become more involved in the various aspects of the organization.

JUNE PROGRAMS

June 24 - Earnest Hooper -- a GATOR and Communications Director for the American Cancer Society's Southwest Florida Division.

Thanks to Maarten, the Saturday Morning Zoom now has a permanent link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86569938109>



The Bob Stone Canyon Entourage. Six people made the journey from Sarasota. They were, from left to right against the wall with masks, Bob Stone, Emma Venafrò, Louis Venafrò (father of Emma and Ellen), Ellen Venafrò, and exchange students Matteo and Jano. The next photo was taken at High Falls State Park, Georgia.



Typical Dinner. The Stone RV in the background.



The Orpheum Theater, Memphis



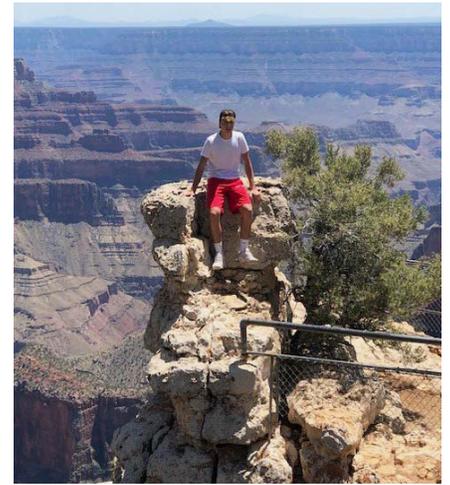
Covid deserted Beale Street, Memphis, but fun.



Petit Jean State Park, Arkansas



Cadillac Ranch just outside Amarillo, Texas.
Don Bruns, Bob said to tell you he wore his Springsteen
Shirt



Matteo on the Grand Canyon Throne.



Horseback Riding, Utah



Jano, Matteo, and Bob lost in
Zion National Park.



Bob delivered the entourage to Las
Vegas where all but Bob caught
flights home.



Bob back on the North Rim of the Grand Canyon where he will be for a
few months earning his RV camping fee by working in the Canyon Gift
Shop. A trial run of his and Teresa's retirement plans.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM FELLOWSHIP BACK AT MARINA JACK!

WE'RE BACK HOME!

**Lunch will be buffet with
masked and gloved servers,
and the program will be**

FELLOWSHIP!

**The meeting will be Zoomed. Watch for
the link in your email.**



**PREVIOUS VIRTUAL MEETING (JUNE 10)
BY JIM HENRY**

**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
ROTARY CLUB OF SARASOTA FOUNDATION**

Sue Leavis, Vice President of The Rotary Club of Sarasota Foundation (RCSF), conducted its annual meeting, which included:

- A review of the major club's projects funded by the Foundation
- RCSF Donor Recognition Program
- Encouraging members to contribute electronically through Network for Good
- A summary of the financial status of the RCSF by Treasurer Nick Rossi.



The two major projects.

School Based Food Pantry. The final \$4,500 installment of the \$60,000 highly successful Pantry Program was funded. The Pantry Program was initiated in 2015 in partnership with All Faiths Food Bank. The result of the project was for the Rotary Club of Sarasota to pioneer funding and staffing School Based Food Pantries in hopes of ultimately establishing School Based Food Pantries in qualified schools in Sarasota County, which was ultimately accomplished. Club members will continually staff the initial pantry at Alta Vista Elementary School, but AFFB will fully fund it and all other school based food pantries.

Rotary Reading Project. This \$51,000 program, began in 2017 with the Kindergarten Readiness Program in partnership with the Suncoast Campaign for Grade Level Reading, and annually serves over 3,000 families of pre kindergarten students in Sarasota County. While helping to prepare students to be at similar learning levels, it also delivers Josh the Baby Otter program, a Rotary sponsored program that helps to minimize childhood drowning. The cost is shared equally and Rotarians deliver boxes of bags to all Sarasota County elementary schools.

In school year 2017-18, the club, at the request of the Sarasota County School Board, funded the One Book Project. The project is designed to have all students in a grade level receive the same teacher selected grade appropriate book to read and study. This \$49,000 initiative became the second phase of what has become the Rotary Reading Project. This phase, which serves over 12,000 students, has expanded to include grades 1— 4, and is funded in partnership with the Mote Scientific Foundation, several Rotary clubs, Rotary District 6960 grants, donations, and grants from other local non-profits.

Donor Recognition and Network for Good. Beginning July 1, 2020 Members who have donated about the \$1,000, \$2,500, \$5,000, and \$10,000 levels will be recognized by the color of their Rotary Badges. This is now possible because the RCSF has contracted with Network for Good to assist with receiving donations from non-club members and maintains a donor data base, which is made easier to maintain through on-line donations.

Financial Summary. The RCSF presently has an endowment serviced by the Community Foundation of Sarasota County. At the end of March, the endowment was \$423,965. Its checking account is at approximately \$35,000, which includes a \$10,000 grant restricted to the Kindergarten Readiness Bag phase of the Rotary Reading Project.