



The SMILE

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The Four Way Test of Things we Think, Say or Do:

1. It is the TRUTH
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned

Upcoming speakers

July 22.....Les McCurdy,
McCurdy's Comedy Theater

In Memoriam we note the passing of long-time Rotarian Len Apfelbach on June 25, 2020. His obituary can be found [here](#).

This week's speaker

Don Bruns, Author, Rotarian and Bon vivant

USA Today/Amazon best selling author Don Bruns has written sixteen published novels.



Reviews of his seven book Stuff Series, have compared his characters to 'grown up Hardy Boys'.

Having owned an advertising agency for almost forty years, Bruns has been the (physical) voice of McDonald's, The Prudential, Domino's Pizza, Baldwin Pianos and numerous other national, regional and local companies. Pre-virus, he traveled extensively, doing research for his novels and attending book signings, including two signings at the Playboy Mansion. He currently is producing a podcast of short stories (Checkered Past) and working on a supernatural novel titled The Girl at the End of the Lane.

July 8th Meeting Recap

By Ron Rayevich

It's not often we have a speaker as interesting and thought-provoking as Ashley Brown, President and CEO of the Women's Resource Center. According to Ashley, 38% - 42% of the households in Sarasota and Manatee Counties, respectively, make less than \$54,000 per year, of which 30% is the amount necessary (\$1,3500 per month) to pay the rent for the typical two bedroom two bath apartment or mortgage payments (including taxes, insurance) for a comparable home for a family of four. When, for what ever reason, that nuclear family collapses and the mother is left with the two kids and a limited skill set, because of early marriage, lengthy time off to raise the children, etc., the real hard times begin. This is where such organizations as the Women's Resource Center (as well as the Salvation Army, churches and other non-profits organizations) step in to help. One of the key steps is not only affordable housing, but skill building for the mother. This will enable her to support the one parent family with skills such as nursing, and technical skills offered by the Suncoast Technical College, State College of Florida, Manatee Community College. and others. But transportation is the next problem single parent families face. Cars are expensive to have and to be fueled and repaired, and the SCAT and MCAT bus systems are limited. Again, this is where the Women's Resource Center can help marshal resources. Thanks, Ashley, for a great presentation.

ISO a creative editor for the SMILE! Contact President Laura to let her know of your interest in filling this important communications role for our Club.

From our speaker

Ms. Brown provided the following information as a follow up to her presentation:

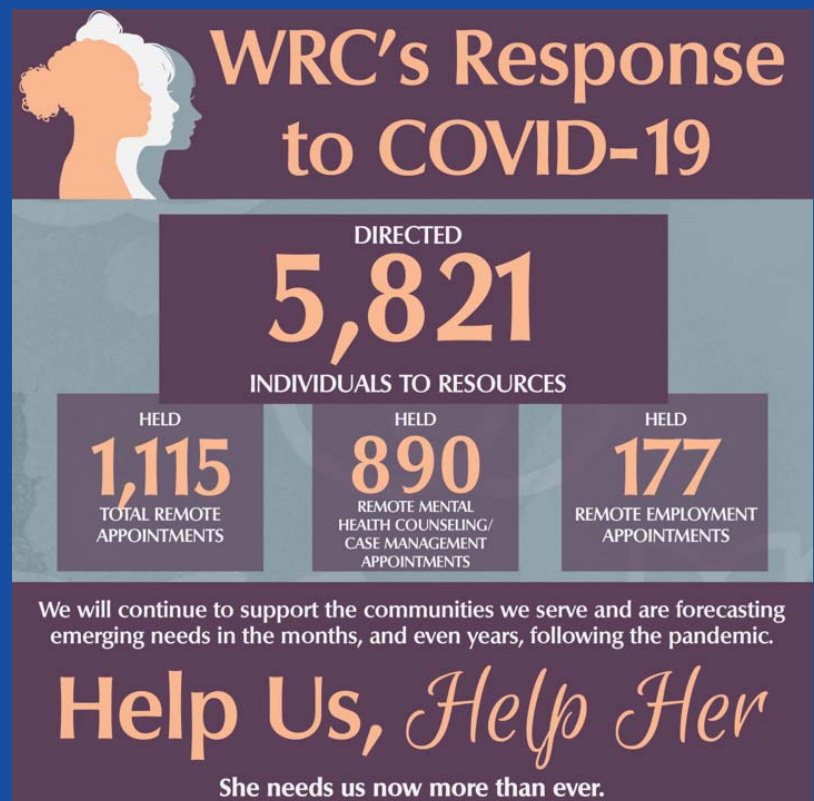
If you are interested in receiving the weekly resource report distributed by WRC, please contact Ashley at abrown@mywrc.org. Here is a link for the latest version:

<https://mailchi.mp/sokossocial/wrc-resource-report-784476>

Below is a link to learn more about the United Way ALICE report.

<https://unitedwaysuncoast.org/what-we-do/alice-suncoast-2019/>

<https://www.unitedforalice.org/>



What's next?

Where in the world is our speaker?

Out of an abundance of caution for our members and our community, we will suspend lunch meetings at Marina Jacks for the foreseeable future. Instead, our team will be hitting the road to meet our speakers in their space. Zoom in this Wednesday and find out where Don Bruns will take us!

Here's our permanent lunch time link.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85074954959>

Celebrating a birthday this week:

George Straschnov - July 12th

Drew Adams - July 17th



Infinite Possibilities – Women in Rotary

District 6960 is excited to present INFINITE POSSIBILITIES: Women In Rotary!

This Four-Part Membership Series offers you the unique opportunity to hear from some of the most dynamic speakers in Rotary. The topics focus on Rotary history, celebrations, challenges, vision, encouragement, and enthusiasm!

The first webinar in the series will feature Sylvia Whitlock, the first female Rotary Club President, and will be hosted by Rotary International Vice President Johrita Solari and RI Director Valarie Wafer.

Register NOW for Infinite Possibilities - Sylvia Whitlock, 1:00 pm EDT July 31, 2020



Fellowship on the Links!

Rotary Golf continues, twice weekly - 3 pm Wednesdays and Saturday (weather permitting). Play nine socially-distant holes at Bent Tree Country Club with other Rotarians. To play, text Roy Adams at 812-369-6963 e-mail to Rdjwadams@aol.com

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