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

- 1. Is it 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

- Oct. 7.....Michael McGovern, Chair, International PolioPlus Initiative.
- Oct. 14.....Rick Piccolo Pres. & CEO, Sarasota Bradenton International Airport
- Oct. 21.....Dr. Richard Levinson Professor Emeritus, Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University

This week's speaker

**Kat Ross, General Manager
Marina Jack**

As a 5th generation Floridian, Kathryn "Kat" Ross is at home on the water. Born and raised in Fort Myers, FL, Ross spent her formative years boating on the Gulf of Mexico, and worked for her father's coastal engineering/marina planning business throughout her high school years.



She moved to Sarasota in 2009 to attend Ringier College of Art + Design's Business track, and graduated in 2013 with her BA. Ross started working at Marina Jack in 2011 as a dockhand. She was promoted to Public Communications Manager for the company in 2015. She was responsible for acquiring Marina Dock Age Magazine's "National Marina of the Year" accolade, which was successfully awarded to Marina Jack in 2015. In 2018, Ross accepted the role of General Manager for Marina Jack in Sarasota and Bayfront Yacht Works in Siesta Key. At Suntext Marinas' annual General Manager's Conference in 2019, Marina Jack was acknowledged as one of the company's top AR Leaders of the year, and Ross was elected runner-up as Suntext Marinas' GM of the Year.

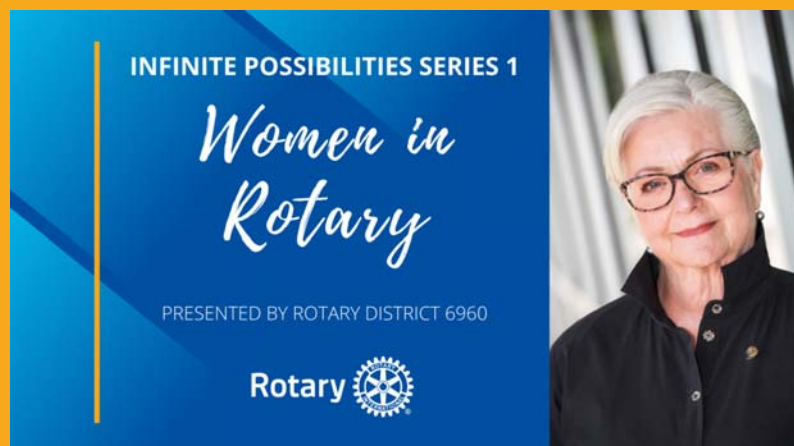
September 16th Meeting Recap

By Bonnie Calvert

Thank you to Jeff Jackson, President and CEO of PGT Innovations located in Venice, Florida and Arizona (2 sunny states). PGT is the largest employer in the tri-county area with 3,500 employees (including Arizona) who have been made stockholders in the business, have 401k options and have access to on-site health care, on-site childcare and on-site pharmacy. There is also a scholarship program for trades training or college in the amount of \$1,000 per child. PGT worked very closely with the State of Florida and beyond to develop national building codes after Hurricane Andrew demolished Homestead, FL. They created a window to withstand a 2x4 board projected into it at 40 miles per hour. That first product came out in 1996 and has been improved over the years. It was put to the test during Hurricane Irma in 2017 and succeeded very well. There is also a new innovative impact resistant garage door being developed. PGT was deemed an essential business during COVID which helped them to stay up and running but at a slower pace, because they are 300 employees short. They have developed aggressive sanitation methods and added more stainless steel which is easier to sanitize. Everything made in the plants is custom made for a specific job. Having 3 daughters, Jeff believes in diverse leadership and PGT is proud to have 40% women in leadership rolls. Bob Keller, president of the Southeast Business Unit took us for a tour the local 400,000 s.f. facility which operates 24 hours a day 6 days a week, to custom make 4,000 windows a day. He explained the amazing processes of taking sand and chemicals and creating huge sheets of glass which is then cut into smaller pieces for specific orders. Gas and chemicals are used to laminate 2-3 pieces of glass together for windows and doors. Glass is recycled if it can't be used right away. Conveyor systems and robots are used to lessen the physical load on employees.

If you missed the meeting and would like to get the insiders' tour, click [here](#) and use the password **vQ!z4?.s**

Log in and learn!



Spend some time with Rotarians from around the world and log into **Infinite**

Possibilities:

Women in Rotary. Past Rotary International Vice President Dean Rohrs is joining us at 1:00 pm EDT on September 25th.

Click [here](#) or register on DACdb.

#WomenInRotary

What's next?

Where in the world is our speaker?

Out of an abundance of caution for our members and our community, we will continue to meet virtually via Zoom for the foreseeable future. Our team will be hitting the road to meet our speakers in their space. Zoom in this Wednesday and learn where **Kat Ross** will take us! Click [here](#) for the permanent lunch time link. The meeting ID is 850 7495 4959.

Stay Connected!

Don't let a Global Pandemic get in the way of connecting with Rotarians! Here are a few ways to stay connected:

- Join our weekly Zoom meetings and learn from our engaging speakers
- Join the Saturday morning Zoom Room @ 9:00am. [Here's](#) the link or call **Lee-En Chung** for info.
- Get some fresh air on Saturday morning and join the Guys of Panera group at 9am at the Panera Bread location at Bahia Vista and Tamiami Trail.
- Get your golf on with the Rotary Golf Group each Wednesday and Saturday (weather permitting). Contact Rotarian Roy Adams for information and to reserve your spot.
- Join a Rotary Affinity Group like the Supper Club or create your own group. Contact **Tom Melville** for assistance.



Grab your stein and lederhosen and get ready to celebrate Oktoberfest with Rotary!

Join us on 10/3/20 for an evening of good food, fine fellowship and a polka or two. RSVP early-Space is limited <http://evite.me/9vvHScH1Gp>

Celebrating a birthday this week:

Nicholas Rossi
September 21st



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