

# ROTARY CLUB of SARASOTA



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**SMILE** THE WEEKLY CLUB NEWSLETTER

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**This Weeks's Speaker: John Wohlwend**



John and Jan Wohlwend, former owners of Jack Lewis, Inc. Fine Jewelry, found their business to be a springboard for Community Involvement. John, inheriting his father's work ethic as an automobile retailer, and his mother's love of music, has devoted time to

the Illinois Symphony Orchestra, The American Red Cross of the Heartland, McLean County Chamber of Commerce and the Chamber's neXt Professionals Group and Women's Division, the Bloomington's Center for the Performing Arts & it's Capital Campaign, Bloomington/Normal Sunrise Rotary, Girl and Boy Scout Councils of Central Illinois, Illinois State University & ISU Community Partners, Illinois Heart and Lung Foundation, as well as the Advocate BroMenn Healthcare system, Children's Discovery Museum, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Court Appointed Special Advocates Association, and the Pratt Music Foundation. John is also now currently serving as the Director of Organizational Development for the Bloomington/Normal Boys and Girls Club.

**January 25 – Thomas Melville: Literacy Council of Sarasota**

**February 1 – Meg Lowman: California Academy of Sciences**

**February 8 – Clint Hurdle: Pittsburgh Pirates**

**February 15 – Sheriff Tom Knight**

**New Prospective Member**

**Name : Janna Overstreet**

**Classification: Education**

**Sponsor: Andrea Nierenberg**

**We Welcome Your Comments!**

**PREVIOUS MEETING (1/11/17) by Ron Rayevich**

We learned from **John Korff**, founder and organizer of the **Sarasota Music Half Marathon**, that a half marathon is 13.1 miles. Starting at the Van Wezel at 6:30 on February 5, 2017, this year's **Music Half Marathon** will be the third edition of this fund raiser, benefiting a variety of local charities. 22 different bands will play (hence the "music" part of the marathon) along the half marathon route which, after a short romp down the Tamiami Trail, goes over the Ringling Bridge and then around St. Armand's Circle, back over the bridge, and continues on through Selby Garden, down Orange Ave. and over to Osprey, ending up around Hillview Ave.

John is a long time organizer of recreational events in the New York City area, including the A&P Tennis Classic and the New Jersey Ballooning Festival. When John moved his family here a few years ago he decided that what was missing in Sarasota was a family oriented, fun filled activity which would help us recover from that Thanksgiving to New Year's food binge. Come join the near 4000 who will enjoy this year's run and walk at the **Sarasota Music Half Marathon** or just ring a bell for your favorite runners (or walkers).

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**Every Saturday Morning for Coffee!**

**Saturday Mornings at 9:00am - Panera Bread at Bahia Vista Rotarians and significant others welcome at this informal Rotary social gathering.**

**Every Monday Night for Snacks and Drinks!**

**Monday Evenings at 5:30 pm - Social Eatery and Bar -1219 First St. Bring a Friend!!!**

**ENGINEER HUMOR**  
**WHY DO ENGINEERS CONSIDER CIRCLES HOT?**  
**THEY ARE ALWAYS 360 DEGREES.**