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Rotary Club of Sarasota Receives Booker Middle School's Community Impact Award!



Photo courtesy of Cliff Roles

Principal LaShawn Frost presents award to Booker Pantry Chair Dick Rehmeier. Also at the Awards ceremony are some Rotarians who assist at the Pantry. Left to Right, Lee-En Chung, Sue Leavis, Dick Rehmeier, Principal Frost, Heather Gillon, Robin Bardo, Pantry Program Chair Nick Rossi, Jayne Cory, Gene Rose, and Jon Swift.



Rotary Night at the Circus
Friday, February 12
Sign up and pay quickly. Ringside Tickets
are going fast.



PROGRAM CHAIR JAN, FEB, MAR - KLAUS LANG
NEXT QUARTER—DAN DANNHEISSER

THIS MEETING

Brynne Anne Besio is CEO of the South Florida Museum and Bishop Planetarium, Inc. She holds a B.S. in Geology from University of California at Davis & a M.S. in Geochemistry from University of Colorado in Boulder. Brynne Anne and her family moved to Florida in 2003 where she worked as the CEO for Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida prior to joining the Museum in 2007.

<http://www.southfloridamuseum.org/>

FUTURE PROGRAMS

Feb 3 Pam Akins—Rotary International Convention
Feb 10 Bob Summers and Jeana Schmidt—Relay for Life

PREVIOUS MEETING *By Charlotte Ryan*

Klaus Lang introduced our program presenters who educated us about **Gift of Life**, an organization that assists children with congenital heart defects all over the world. Congenital heart disease is the #1 birth defect in young children, an astounding 5,000,000 a year worldwide. Incidence of the defect is spread fairly equally in all countries but children with proper nutrition and treatment survive in much larger numbers than those in third world countries. **GoL** is a Rotarian-based program operating in 71 countries and on five continents. Rotary contributes \$500,000 a year to the effort in Uganda, El Salvador and Jamaica - the core programs. A growing impact is being felt in Haiti, the Philippines and Kosovo. The criteria to be considered for GoL 1) a supportive and invested government, 2) hospital administration, 3) an established pediatric cardiac surgery program and 4) non governmental agencies willing to help. At the end of the presentation, Klaus and his wife pledged up to \$2500. and invited club members to match that amount.

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CONTINUE TO HELP MAKE SARASOTA A
BETTER PLACE TO LIVE!



**EDUCATION
FOUNDATION**
OF SARASOTA COUNTY

The Rotary Club of Sarasota Foundation and the Education Foundation of Sarasota County, in cooperation with Sarasota County Schools, have partnered to install Digital Learning Labs in Title I schools and other institutions that support Sarasota County students.

The **Rotary Club of Sarasota Foundation** has initially set aside **\$20,000** to match **\$ for \$** contributions to the **Education Foundation of Sarasota County** earmarked for Digital Learning Labs. The first Lab under this partnership is scheduled to be installed at **Tuttle Elementary School**. To support this initiative to help students achieve grade level success, send your tax deductible contribution to:

**Education Foundation of Sarasota County
1960 Landing Blvd #120
Sarasota, FL 34231
Att'n: Digital Learning Labs**

Institutions that are ready to receive Digital Learning Labs, in addition to Tuttle Elementary, are:

**Children's First Head Start Program
Girls, Inc
Wilkinson Elementary School
Gocio Elementary School
Jacaranda Library**

For more information on Digital Learning Labs, their costs and effect, please visit the Rotary Club of Sarasota Foundation's web page.

<http://www.rotaryclubofsarasotafoundation.org/>