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This Week's Speaker: Sheriff Tom Knight

Tom Knight is the tenth Sheriff of Sarasota County. Currently in his third term, he first took office in January of 2009 following a 20-year career with the Florida Highway Patrol. While with the FHP he rose to the rank of Major and supervised a seven-county region including the Tampa Bay area.

Sheriff Knight has lived in Florida since 1973 when his family moved to Sarasota County from western Pennsylvania. He graduated from Venice High School in 1981, attended Manatee Junior College and later transferred to Florida State University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in criminology in 1986. He received his Graduate Certificate in Public Management from the University of South Florida in 2012.

Sheriff Knight serves on the State of Florida's Commission for Law Enforcement Accreditation and is on numerous boards for nonprofit organizations in Sarasota County. He is also recognized by the Florida State University College of Criminology and Criminal Justice as a "Distinguished Alumni."

Next Week's Speaker: Jay Riggs talks about the Auto Industry

New Member Bio: Samantha Hobbs

In 2010, after 16 years in corporate sales / marketing with NewsBank an information provider in Naples, FL, I moved to Sarasota to join my mother as Partner in Canada Med Service, the company she founded in 2003. Four years later my husband JR, a General Contractor in Naples decided to take a break and joined our company as Vice President of Operations.

Originally from Blue Bell, PA a small town outside of Philadelphia, I attended Trinity College in Burlington, VT and earned my BS in Corporate Communications and Public Relations in 1990. My husband, who is from Wellesley, MA graduated in 1989 Norwich University. We were college sweethearts married in VT in 1992

In 1993 Opportunity lead us back to Blue Bell and in 1994 our son Joseph was born. In March of 1995 Vacation lead us to Naples, FL where, after one week of sunny skies made us realize that would be silly to wait to retire to FL so we went back, packed up and moved down and started again. By the end of 1997 our families followed and we raised our son among them all. Now we are proud parents of our son who set to graduate this May from Florida State – Go Noles!

JR and I thrilled to be in the "big city" of Sarasota. We are involved in the community through our Companies Charity of Choice Program which gives back to 32 local non-profit organizations. I am an Ambassador for Goodwill and am actively involved with the Child Protection Center. We are empty nesters, but this past fall we did a couples match through Big Brothers Big Sisters and are very lucky to have been matched with a smart & talented 7 y.o. "little" one.

I am very much looking forward to making new friends through Rotary and sharing these new experiences with my family.

PREVIOUS MEETING (2/8/17) by Ron Rayevich

Self-deprecating humor is my very favorite, and our speaker last Wednesday had plenty to share with our Club. **As coach (manager) of the Pittsburgh Pirates, Clint Hurdle, kept us all laughing as he shared stories of his life in Major League Baseball.** While he has played and coached in three attempts at winning the World Series, he still has that one victory to look forward to in a baseball career spanning 40 years, beginning right after high school in Florida, and continuing as a coach. Clint had lots of stories about playing for and building a winning team, how his own ego managed to get in the way, and especially the importance of a strong family and spiritual life. One of Clint's keys to success is to listen to others, whether those who you are listening to are your team mates, the players on your team, your assistant coaches or General Manager, or members of your family (and especially your spouse). Listening and also being fully focused on one task at a time leads to success, whether that is at home, in business, or in sports. It's really good to hear from a fellow Rotarian who not only recites the 4-Way Test, but uses it in both his family and sports life. Thanks Clint for a fun-filled and inspirational half-hour. Come back again.

Pantry Dates

Alta Vista: 2/16, 3/02 & 3/23, 4/06 & 4/27, 5/04 & 5/18

Emma E. Booker: 2/28, 3/07 & 3/28, 4/11 & 4/25, 5/09 & 5/23

Please see Nick Rossi for more information

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!!!

Dining For Women – Tuesday, February 21 at 6:30pm

Bill Jotham's House, 7157 Hawk's Harbor Circle, Bradenton
Gate Number is 2576

This Month's Project Location – Bolivia : targeting health, sanitation and clean water

Open to all Rotarians, Friends and Guests
Bring a dish to pass and beverage of your choice!

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