

THE 4-WAY TEST *of the things we think, say or do:*

1. Is it the truth? 2. Is it fair to all concerned? 3. Will it build good will and better friendships? 4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?



The Weekly Smile

Rotary Club of Sarasota

February 18, 2015

Wednesday at 12:00pm at Marina Jack Restaurant • Chartered April 12, 1926 • Member District 6960
www.rotaryclubofsarasota.com

SERVING SARASOTA

The Rotary Club of Sarasota, with All Faiths Food Bank, has established a school based food pantry at Emma E. Booker Elementary's needy students and their families. The long term intent is to find another Rotary Club to take over the pantry. We are in need of volunteers to help unpack food items, restock shelves, help register shoppers, and overall manage the pantry. We have already held four pantries this school year. There are three more planned--Thursdays Feb. 26th, March 19th, and April 2nd. Please contact Gene Rose at eugenerose@aol.com .

REGULAR SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

Golf: Bent Tree, Wednesdays at 2:20 & 2:28.
E-mail RDJWAdams@aol.com by noon Tuesday if you want to play.
After Golf Dinner and Drinks: Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. Miller's Sarasota Ale House, 3800 Kenny Drive (Bee Ridge and Cattleman). Sign up at lunch or email Eugenerose@aol.com before 6 pm. Non-golfers welcome.
Breakfast: Saturdays 8:30 am at Panera Bread, 41 & Bahia Vista
Dining for Women is the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the Sarasota Bay Club. Please go to our website to learn more about DFW and sign up.

EVENTS

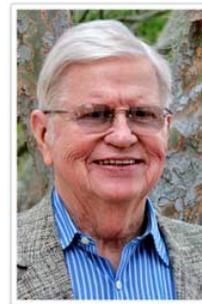


February 28 - March 1, 2015

THIS MEETING *Vicki Bartz, Tidewell Hospice*

Vicki is a Community Relations Representative for Tidewell Hospice, covering north Sarasota County and all of Manatee County. She has been with Tidewell for 6-1/2 years. She has over 20 years of marketing experience, primarily in the banking industry. Prior to that she worked in the Human Relations field. Vicki has a son and 3 grandchildren and enjoys travel... especially to their place in N.C. Rick Hughes and Vicki are classmates from the 2013 graduating class of Leadership Manatee County.

NEXT MEETING **I WAS THERE** *WHERE WAS OUR OWN FORMER STATE SENATOR BOB JOHNSON?*



LAST MEETING *John Annis & Kirsten Russell on Local & National Grade Level Reading Initiatives*

I certainly didn't know that 29% of Sarasota County Schools' third graders couldn't read at their grade level and therefore were 13 times less likely to graduate from high school. John Annis, SVP from the Community Foundation of Sarasota County, (which manages our foundation's endowment) and Kirsten Russell, who is the Initiative Consultant for the Campaign for Grade Level Reading, described the efforts these two organizations are making toward solving this problem. This can be done both by improving the preparation within families where children are coming to Kindergarten unprepared to learn and by help those families whose children's learning skills diminish during the summer months away from school. Our backpacking initiative helps with one aspect of the problem (hungry children are not attentive students), but clearly other issues exist. - **Ron Rayevich**

