

# ROTARY CLUB of SARASOTA



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### THIS MEETING

County Commissioner **Charles Hines** will bring club members up-to-date on the state of Sarasota County. Commissioner Hines, prior to being elected in 2012, has practiced law from an office in Venice for over 24 years. He has been involved in many civic and community activities, including Sertoma, Ringling College of Art and Design, the Chamber of Commerce, Big Brothers and Big Sisters. He lives in Nokomis with his wife, Susan, and three children.



### FUTURE PROGRAMS

March 2 Rene Ng — Acupuncture/Physician  
March 9 Kurt Springfellow - Safe Children Coalition



Barry Levinson, president of the Sarasota Bay club, and our own President-Elect Ben Bates at RLI this past Saturday.

RLI's purpose is to inform Rotarians about the many opportunities and tools they could use in helping to make Sarasota and the world a better place, while developing additional friendships. Also, statistics show that retention rates are higher for Rotarians who attend RLI, and

the Rotary Club of Sarasota will reimburse the registration fees for club members who complete RLI.

Contrary to the thoughts of many, completing RLI does not imply that attendees are expected enter into the club and/or district leadership chain. Many clubs, including the Rotary Club of Sarasota, do require that its president graduate from RLI simply because it generally helps us make Sarasota better.

## ROTARY CLUB OF SARASOTA'S INTERNATIONAL ARTS AND CRAFTS FESTIVAL

YES! The club is sponsoring an Arts and Crafts Festival, March 26 & 27 on Hillview Street. Francine DiFilippo Kent ([difikent@aol.com](mailto:difikent@aol.com)) is committee chair. In addition to the location, the event has undergone many organizational changes, which should benefit attendance and increase the value of Rotarian involvement.



### STAY TUNED FOR UPDATED INFORMATION.

## 2016 class of visiting Rotary district governors from around the world.



### PREVIOUS MEETING By Ron Rayevich

I certainly have enjoyed going to see the Baltimore Orioles at Ed Smith stadium, but I had no idea that I was viewing the Number One baseball field in the US. That's right! According to **David Rovine**, VP of the Orioles-Sarasota, the field at Ed Smith is the top ball field and is maintained professionally by the Orioles Ball Club. This will be the seventh season the Orioles have held spring practice in Sarasota, and I know we all look forward their 16 games here. The Orioles' annual economic benefit to Sarasota County is over \$80 million. In addition, the club makes significant contributions to Twin Lakes Park and its youth baseball programs, to the Chamber of Commerce, and to over 5,000 middle school kids' health programs in Sarasota County. Let's all get out and enjoy a great major league spring training game this March. Perhaps hold a **YOLO** event in one of the rooms while watching a game?



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