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NEXT QUARTER—DAN DANNHEISSER

THIS MEETING

Rene Ng, (Dom, AP, L.Ac) is a board-certified and licensed Acupuncture/Physician and owner of Chinese Medical Solutions. **Rene** began his Chinese Medicine training at a very young age in China under his parents' tutelage. He is highly regarded and recognized as one of the area's top acupuncture physicians. He is a Chinese herbalist and 4-time winner of Sarasota's "Favorite Acupuncture physician" award and has been featured on FOX news



and WSLR, and written up in the *Observer*, *Natural Awakenings*, *Today's Seniors*, and *Doctors* publications.

FUTURE PROGRAMS

March 9 Kurt Springfellow - Safe Children Coalition
March 16 Karen Rushing - Clerk of the Circuit Court

DO YOU REALLY THINK THE ROTARY CLUB OF SARASOTA DOES NOTHING BUT EAT LUNCH?

Club members put their \$s and hands to work in the **Back Pack Kids** and **School Based Pantry** programs. Working with **All Faiths Food Pantry**, both programs have grown this year. Rotarians help pack between **1,000 and 1,200 Back Packs** the second and fourth weeks of each month. The **Pantry Program**, using Rotarian brains, hands, and \$s, has packaged and delivered over 110,270 pounds of food that serves 318 families with 759 children, not including the recently started pantry at North Port High School.

In addition, thanks to a \$ for \$ matching grant from your **Rotary Club of Sarasota Foundation**, the Education Foundation of Sarasota County is opening a Digital Learning Lab at **Tuttle Elementary School**. **Come see your dollars at work by registering to attend this Lab's Grand Opening on March 10 from 4:30 to 5:30. To register, go to the club web site and click on the Digital Learning Lab icon on the upper right column.**



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) 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.

IN BILL JOTHAM'S WORLD:

1. Money cannot buy happiness - but it's far more comfortable to cry in a Porsche than on a bicycle.
2. Forgive your enemy—but remember their name.
3. If you help someone in trouble-they will remember you when they are in trouble again.
4. Alcohol doesn't solve any problem—but then neither does milk.

PREVIOUS MEETING By *Ron Rayevich*

It was both a delight and a privilege to have Sarasota County Commissioner **Charles Hines** as our speaker. Our County Commission is responsible for the oversight of a one billion dollar budget and such significant projects as the recently completed \$21 million Siesta Key Public Beach facilities renovation, as well as the new county emergency operations center. Of the many topics that Commission Hines discussed, probably the most controversial were the city/county differences regarding homeless programs and the major renovations on Bee Ridge Road. Other issues discussed were the problem over governmental memory with the current term limits for County Commissioners and any improvement in mental health programs given the current level of State funding. With regard to economic development, Sarasota County continues to suffer from a lack of affordable housing for those working in our growing hospitality, food, and beverage service industries. Overall, Sarasota County has the benefit of a good government and school system that helps makes us the "third happiest place to live in the US". Thanks, **Charles Hines**, for all you do to keep Sarasota County on top.



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