

# ROTARY CLUB of SARASOTA



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PROGRAM FOR APRIL, MAY, JUNE—DAN DANNHEISSER & RICK HUGHES

## THIS MEETING

**Beth Duda**, is one of the driving forces of the Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading, an initiative for Manatee and Sarasota counties designed to explore new ways assist children to achieve grade level proficiency. Beth is an award-winning playwright and educator with twenty years experience working with students in Elementary schools as Director of Education for Florida Studio Theatre.



## FUTURE PROGRAMS

May 4 - David Sylvester Pines of Sarasota  
May 11 - Les McCurdy McCurdy's Comedy Theatre



Cincuenta de Mayo – Happy 50<sup>th</sup>!!

Tuesday, May 10 {5 x 10 = 50}, 2016, 5:30 to 7:30 pm

Come celebrate Vicente & Lee-En turning 50 in May!

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**MOONSHINE**

**at DINING FOR WOMEN? Lois and Pam really know how to sponsor an enjoyable evening while helping women around the world. Thank Jim Marsey for the moonshine!**

**YOUR \$\$ CONTINUE TO  
HELP MAKE SARASOTA AND  
ITS STUDENTS BETTER**

- **HIGH ABSENTEEISM** hinders students ability to achieve Grade Level Reading.
- **FOOD INSECURITY** is one of the major causes of high absenteeism.

This year, administered through the Rotary Club of Sarasota Foundation, your \$\$ and service hours have assisted

**OVER 800**

Sarasota County Students alleviate food insecurity for themselves and their families.



**\$20,000** of your \$\$ matched **\$20,000** from the **Rotary Club of Longboat Key** and **Bank of America** to start **FIVE Digital Learning Labs**, which have proven to help improve **math** and

**reading** levels by **58%** and **56%** respectively.

The **Dictionary Project**, ongoing since 2004, in corporation with **Goodwill Industries' Good Reader program**, helps students achieve grade level success.

## THE ROTARY CLUB OF SARASOTA IS MAKING AN IMPACT

### PREVIOUS MEETING By Ron Rayevich

According to **Howard Tevlowitz**, Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee, anti-Semitism is alive and well in the US, especially in our senior academic institutions. There seems to be an anti-Israel influence in some of our colleges and universities which is an echo of what is happening in other parts of the world, especially in the Mideast and Northern Africa. The goal of the Jewish Federation, founded in the late 19th century, is to provide one-on-one and group engagement to focus on Israel beyond the current conflict with the Arab world. The main activities of the Jewish Federation are cultural, arts, and humanitarian philanthropy which supports its goal. It also provides for the removal of Jews from hostile countries and resettles these individuals in Israel.



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