

# ROTARY CLUB of SARASOTA



**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?

**May 6, 2015**

Wednesday at 12:00pm at Marina Jack Restaurant

Chartered April 12, 1926 • Member District 6960

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**ROTARY CLUBS DO NOT MAKE COMMUNITIES. ROTARY CLUBS MAKE COMMUNITIES BETTER.**

## SHELTER BOXES FOR NEPAL

Rotary Happy Dollars raised \$1,000. The club contributed \$500, and the Rotary Club of Sarasota Foundation board voted \$1,500 to match and sent \$3,000 to Shelter Box.

## REGULAR SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

**Golf:** Every Wednesday at 2:12, 2:20, and 2:28 at the Highlands course at the Meadows Country Club (course is located on the opposite side of the street from the country club itself). E-mail [RDJWAdams@aol.com](mailto:RDJWAdams@aol.com) by noon Tuesday if you want to play.

**Breakfast:** Saturdays 8:30 am at Panera Bread, 41 & Bahia Vista.

**Dining for Women** will be the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the Sarasota Bay Club.

**MAKE-UP NOTE:** Members turning in make-up slips must put their meal cost on the make-up slip. If no meal cost is noted, credit will only be provided for attendance. Meal cost credit will be provided up to \$16.00. If your meal cost is less than \$16.00, credit will be provided for the amount paid for that lunch. This is an honor system. We appreciate your support.

**SMILE NOTE:** If you have information for the SMILE please e-mail Susan Leavis at [sleavis@gmail.com](mailto:sleavis@gmail.com) and Jim Henry at [jrhjr@jimhenrybooks.com](mailto:jrhjr@jimhenrybooks.com) no later than the Friday before the Wednesday lunch meeting.

## CLUB CALENDAR

The club's web site has a calendar of events. Anyone who wants to put something on the calendar, such as meetings, should give details to our web master, Jim Henry.

## THIS MEETING *Ed Brodsky, State Attorney, 12th Judicial Circuit*



Ed Brodsky, criminology major at USF, obtained his law degree from Nova Law School in Ft. Lauderdale. He had been a prosecutor for over 22 years prior to being elected to become the State Attorney. Now in his first year, he has been true to his campaign promises. He has proven his commitment to closely partner with law enforcement to tackle crime. Since taking office, among many accomplishments, Ed has formed a Violent Crime Unit, to focus on seeking aggressive sentences on violent and career or chronic criminals and a White Collar/Elder Fraud & Exploitation Unit to meet face-on the epidemic of those that prey on our most vulnerable members, the elderly. He and his wife Kim, and their two children, reside in Manatee County.

## NEXT MEETING *Kurt Stringfellow, President/CEO Sarasota Family YMCA*

Kurt Stringfellow joined the Sarasota YMCA in November 2012 as President and CEO. Prior to joining the Sarasota YMCA Kurt was President and CEO of the YMCA of Georgia's Piedmont for 11 years where under Kurt's leadership, the Y saw significant growth. Kurt's Y professional career spans over 20 years. As President/CEO of the Sarasota YMCA, Kurt is responsible for articulating and implementing the mission, vision and goals of the Y within Sarasota and surrounding communities. He is tasked to build a culture that supports and retains outstanding staff and an active, diverse volunteer Board of Directors while visibly and actively working with community, business and government leaders to establish the Sarasota YMCA as a highly respected, highly visible charitable partner.



## LAST MEETING *Larry Eger, Public Defender*



As our elected Public Defender for the 12th Judicial District of Florida, Larry Eger presented an excellent overview of who the Public Defender's Office represents and how critical that office is to those accused of a crime (either a misdemeanor or a felony), which would result in a jail sentence. Each year there are 30,000 crimes which qualify for assistance by the Public Defender and his 45 member legal staff. Larry said that he is one attorney "who is not looking for more clients," and each attorney in the Public Defender's Office handles from 100-200 cases at a time. He also stated that the majority of those involved in our penal system are in jail because of mental health issues. He strongly feels that public funds spent to improve the quality and duration of mental health care would do a great deal to reduce the funds spent for incarcerating offenders impaired by mental problems. - **Ron Rayevich**