

# 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 13, 2015

Wednesday at 12:00pm at Marina Jack Restaurant

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

## DISTRICT 6960 VOCATIONAL SERVICE AWARD

goes to our own Caridad Santos for all the people in the world that are able to see because of her international charitable work. Congratulations, and a well deserved recognition!

## 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.

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

**Dining for Women** will meet Tuesday, May 19 at the Sarasota Bay Club at 6:30. This month's project is Ripple Africa which is a 501c3 located in Sarasota. Kay Yoder from Ripple Africa has been invited to give the presentation on fuel efficient stoves which is the topic of the project. It will impact maternal and child health as well as impacting the environment. The Observer will also be present to take pictures. So save the date and support Dining for Women.

**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 *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.

## NEXT MEETING *Sheriff Tom Knight*

Knight is the 10th Sheriff of Sarasota County, serving since January 6, 2009. To pursue this office, he left a 20 year career with the Florida Highway Patrol where he held the position of Troop Commander, managing a seven-county region with more than 300 employees, a central communications center and a \$20 million budget. Sheriff Knight has lived in Florida since 1973 when his family moved to Sarasota County from western Pennsylvania. He graduated from Venice High School in 1981, attended Manatee Junior College and later transferred to Florida State University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in Criminology in 1986. Sheriff Knight and his wife Tracy have two daughters and currently reside in Nokomis.



## LAST MEETING *Ed Brodsky*, State Attorney, 12th Circuit

Brodsky is serving his first term as elected State Attorney for the 12th Circuit, which includes Sarasota, Manatee and Desoto Counties, following 22 years as an Assistant State Attorney. His office, which consists of 75 attorneys and a total staff of 160, is responsible for 45,000 cases a year and coordinates with 16 different law enforcement agencies and seven judges in the three county area. Ed is particularly interested in reducing the high costs involved with incarcerating 100,000 prisoners in State facilities and another 67,000 in City and County Jails throughout the state, including 1000 prisoners in both Sarasota and Manatee County jails. Florida is one of three states with special remediation programs for DUI offenses. However, when it comes to violent crime the State Attorney has formed a Violent Crime Unit and clearly wants to see these individuals off the streets and behind bars. - **Ron Rayevich**

