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PROGRAM CHAIR - VICENTE MEDINA

DAN DANNHEISER, this quarter's program organizer

THIS MEETING Jason Cannon is an Associate Artist at Florida Studio Theatre (FST), where his responsibilities include directing New Play Development,



leading the Acting Apprentice Program, teaching in Adult Education, directing and acting in various productions, and participating in community outreach. He joined FST in 2012 after 14 years freelancing in St. Louis as an actor, director, playwright, producer, and educator. He just appeared as "Ever Montgomery" in DANCING LESSONS

on the FST Mainstage. He is a seven-time Kevin Kline Award nominee (and one time winner for Outstanding Leading Actor), an alum of DirectorsLab Chicago, co-founder of the GreenHouse New Play Festival, co-founder and former Board President of the Professional Theatre Council of St. Louis, and former Producing Artistic Director of Ozark Actors Theatre in Rolla, MO. He holds an MFA in Directing from Lindenwood University, an MA in Drama from Washington University in St. Louis, and a BA in Theatre and English from Greenville College. Proud member of SDC, AEA, and SAG-AFTRA. jasoncannon.biz

JUNE 24 Terri Wonder, PhD., a former Army Civilian Social Scientist embedded with combat personnel in Iraq between 2008 and 2010, will give a presentation on how she predicted in 2010 that Islamic State would organize to topple the government of Iraq. Additionally, she will delineate a set of cultural-military recommendations vital to de-radicalizing Iraq and inoculating it against a future third wave of insurgency. Dr. Wonder's job in Iraq was to conduct ethnographic and statistical research on local populations in order to accurately advise future military operations aimed at pacifying and stabilizing the Iraqi countryside. Dr. Wonder is an expert in militant Islamic fundamentalism and the cultural psychology of the Middle East. She lives with her husband in Bradenton, Florida, and grew up in Sarasota, Florida, graduating from Riverview High School in 1984. She is the owner and chief editor of www.nautilusediting.com.



Editor's Note: Members, visiting Rotarians, and guests are welcome to participate in all club events.

Weekly reoccurring golf and other social events will no longer be published on a weekly basis. Event details and maps are on the club's website www.rotaryclubofsarasota.com. Changes in these events will be published. Special events will continue to be announced in the SMILE as well as on the web site.

AROUND THE CLUB President-elect and insurance underwriter Vicente Medina attended the Rotary International Convention in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Frequent visitors Pam Akin and Barry Leavinson are trying Peruvian cuisine and pisco sours in Lima, Peru. Jim & Jean Henry were hosted three weeks in Ireland by long time friends. Former State Representative Ted Ewing is heading to his NC mountain retreat next week and welcomes visitors.

Please send Around the Club member news to new member and SMILE reporter, wealth manager Jim Roque, at jim.roque@suntrust.com. Our members are wonderful people and lead interesting lives. For example, over coffee Friday morning, Jim R. said he tended bar in a Dublin pub after college. Lee-En Chung, engineer and ribbon dancer extraordinary, attends clubs the world over, and has almost twenty years perfect attendance. Let's get to know each other better.

PREVIOUS MEETINGS by Ron Rayevich

June 3 - This meeting was one of the more exciting presentations I have witnessed. I even volunteered to help, which I usually try to avoid like the plague. Michael Klauber, one of Sarasota's favorite restaurateurs, and Virginia



Haley, Executive Director of Visit Sarasota, explained that Sarasota Bayfront 20/20 was the collaborative process to help the citizens of Sarasota decide what to do with 42 acres at the Van Wezel, the 11 acres comprising Centennial Park, and help direct the 21 acres of privately held land made up of the former Quay and Proscenium sites. The seven guiding principles in support of the vision statement for Sarasota Bayfront 20/20

are: Aspiration (becoming an iconic public destination), Cultural Heritage (strengthening the destination for cultural, arts, and educational programs), Bayfront/Natural Assets (celebrate Sarasota's wonderful bay front and natural heritage), Activation (outdoor programming, both day and night), Connectivity (connect the bay front with neighborhoods and transit), and Sustainability (be sure it works over the long term). What a great start on a Sarasota treasure. Thanks for your leadership Michael and Virginia.



June 10 - Dr. Steve Padar, retired neurosurgeon and active SCUBA diver.

I was so impressed with Dr. Padar's presentation on diving off Komodo Island that I immediately invited him to show his wonderful power point slides at the Sarasota Yacht Club's travel club. Komodo Island is located in the south central portion of Indonesia's 17,500 island nation (home to a population on 250 million inhabitants). Komodo Island is a lightly inhabited, dormant volcanic island famous for its giant 12 foot Komodo Dragons, which can corner and eat a deer, and for its wonderful



shoreline featuring coral reefs and crystal clear seas teeming with hundreds of varieties of fish, corals, and other sea life. Dr. Padar took a thousand photos in his 33 hours on scuba diving and was able share over 50 slides with a full house of appreciative Rotarians. Our thanks for a wonderful presentation.

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