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SMILE THE WEEKLY CLUB NEWSLETTER

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THIS MEETING Sarah Sheldon joined ShelterBox USA in 2012 as a Program Coordinator and has been working with the organization's volunteers who raise awareness and funds in support of its relief efforts. Shelter Box USA headquarters is in Lakewood Ranch. As program manager, Sarah recruits and trains the organization's 400 volunteers located throughout the United States. She also creates and manages programs that allow youth to engage with ShelterBox while ultimately becoming better global citizens.



Prior to ShelterBox, Sarah has a long history of volunteering, service, and managing youth programs. She holds a Bachelor of Science from the University of Florida where she majored in family, youth and community sciences.

JULY PROGRAMS

JULY 15 - Rory Martin, President, Sarasota Fairgrounds, hails from Lake Placid, FL. Rory studied business management at St. Leo University and will chat with us about the overall impact Sarasota Fairgrounds has on Sarasota County. Rory and his family now live in Sarasota.



July 22—District 6960 Governor Cyndi Doragh
July 29—Jeff LaHurd, Sarasota Historic Society

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Interesting, informative programs are an integral part of an effective Rotary club. **Bob Johnson**, Attorney and past state senator, is chair of the club's program committee. One of the major responsibilities of the committee chair is to coordinate program topics. At this time, programs are booked through September. Bob welcomes suggestions, but cautions everyone not to promise a speaker's slot. **Club members want to hear from movers and shakers, heroes, or travelers.**

The Program Committee **does not** want:

- Someone asking for money. We are Rotary. We have our own foundations, projects, and programs.
- Someone telling us how to increase business or improve our lives. Most of us have already arrived.

Send all suggestions to **Bob Johnson**.

AROUND THE CLUB

Joan Verizzo, retired law enforcement officer, drew the jackpot winning Queen of Hearts and most likely has left, or is planning to leave, on her dream vacation to the City of Lights. **Dr. Jack LeFrock**, world renown **Infectious Diseases** physician, received a **Life-Time Achievement Recognition** from his alma mater, the University of Amsterdam College of Medicine—AMC for his research, applied techniques, and discoveries.



COMMITTEES

A frequent comment in Rotary circles, when someone is asked to chair a committee is, *"I'd rather do it myself"*. However, that thought negates the first Object of Rotary, i.e. to develop an acquaintance as an opportunity for service. Serving on a committee is a wonderful means to get to know other club members and for them to get to know you. If you have not signed up to serve on a club committee, consider doing so.

PREVIOUS MEETING

We had **"4th of July Remembrances"** by yours truly and

Senator Bob Johnson. Both were rather humorous recollections of 4th of July in the 1950s (hey, we are both getting a little old). I selected 1955 and Bob Johnson recalled the year he



had to save the fireworks display from being cancelled in 1958. I thought Bob's story of \$3,900 worth of fireworks the Sheriff had captured that somehow made it into his hands was one of the funniest things I have heard. We then enjoyed President Vicente Medina's address on where he would like to take our club over the 2015-16 fiscal year. His goals include 100% membership participation on a committee and/or a club project, 100% participation in funding TRF and/or RCSF by at least \$100, and especially for each of us to have FUN being Rotarians. I had a great 4th of July with my family and a hope everyone of you did too.

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