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## THIS MEETING

PROGRAM COMMITTEE CHAIR—BOB JOHNSON

**August 5— Frank “Skip” Fazzari: *How to dispose of your collection.*** Skip has been a professional numismatist since 1972. For over 40 years, he has provided expert services in authentication, grading and conservation of both U.S. and foreign coins. He developed the “Die Scratch Method” of coin authentication which continues to be used today. He also devised the Technical Grading System used for many years at several grading services. He has been given the honor of Distinguished Lecturer in Numismatics by Adelphi University in New York and teaches seminars on coin topics around the country.



## FUTURE PROGRAMS

**August 12— Virginia Haley: Visit Sarasota County**

A Virginia Wesleyan College alumni, Virginia will give us a rundown on the successes of the more recent campaigns to make Sarasota a world renown place to visit.



**August 19 Bob Stone S4TL**  
**August 26 Terry Wonder Imbedded in Iraq**

## --- DOLLAR-for-DOLLAR MATCH ---



### All On-Line Contributions to the

## ROTARY CLUB OF SARASOTA FOUNDATION

during the 2015 Giving Challenge will be matched **dollar-for-dollar** up to **\$250** per contribution.

**Jim Henry, for example, will give his October birthday and December anniversary donations during the Giving Challenge.**

On September 1, direct links will be provided by email, on the Club and Foundation web sites, Facebook and Twitter.

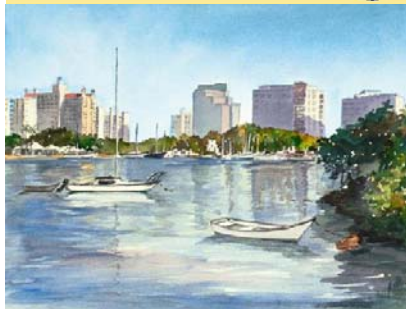
**Visit [www.rotaryclubofsarasotafoundation.org](http://www.rotaryclubofsarasotafoundation.org)** for information on how the Foundation will use contributions.

## AROUND THE CLUB

Best selling author **John Jakes**, is off for his annual visit to the Mayo Clinic. When he returns, he hopes to be meeting with us again. Retired engineer **Bill Segraves'** wife, Cecile, is recovering from a major operation. Memorial service for realtor **Peggy Mock's** husband, Dwight, Aug. 7, St. Patrick's Catholic Church @9:30 a.m. Full military honor burial at the National Cemetery @11:30. Obituary is on-line at Sarasota H-T for more details.



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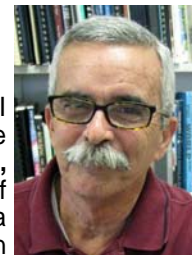
**Sunday, August 16**  
**5 to 7 p.m.**

**Memory Lane**  
**Third Floor, Unit 310**  
**1301 N. Tamiami Trail**  
**(valet parking available.)**

Stroll down Betty's 3rd Floor **Memory Lane** viewing many of her world-class water colors like 'Sarasota Bay'. Dinner is pot luck so bring a little something to share with one or two others even if store-bought. Consider visiting Betty's web site at <http://www.bettyfairbankgriggs.com/>.

## PREVIOUS MEETING by Ron Rayevich

Being a history major in college, there is nothing I enjoy better than a well-presented depiction of the past. One thing our local historian, **Jeff LaHurd**, does well is just that. Last week he brought lots of power point slides to show just how far Sarasota has come since the "landing of the Scots" in 1885. Just 130 years ago Sarasota was a primitive backwater town with a few cabins, tents and lots of mosquitoes. With arrival of John Hamilton Gillespie the following year things slowly began to change. By 1899 Sarasota even had its own newspaper, "The Sarasota Times". In 1910 Bertha Palmer infused new life into the area when she told her friends in Chicago that "Sarasota Bay was as beautiful as the Bay of Naples" (Italy). The first signs of Sarasota as a tourist destination began then and with the erection of a new 30 room hotel, where the Orange Blossom Tower on Main St. now stands. And of course everyone know the story of the arrival of John Ringling, the circus, and the great real estate boom of the early 1920's followed by the bust of 1926, the Great Depression, and World War II. Jeff said he would return in a year or so to finish the story of how Sarasota got to be the wonderful "Cultural Coast" of Florida and one of Florida's premier tourist destinations.



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