



## 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?



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## NEW MEMBERS



**Steven Stegall**  
Retired Real Estate  
Appraiser



**Bill Furst**  
Sarasota County  
Property Appraiser

## EVENTS

**Sarasota Art Festival** meetings will be 2nd Wed. of the month after the lunch meeting except Sept. which will be on the 17th.

**TRF Committee** meetings will be after the Club Meetings on first Wednesday of the month.

**Rotary Club of Longboat Key** (Provisional) Meets every Wed. at 5:15 at the Lazy Lobster restaurant, in the Centre Shops.

**Guatemala Project** Needs children's books in Spanish and pencil sharpeners that attach to desk.

## SOCIALS

**Aug 22, 5 pm:** Friday Night at Van Wezel featuring SoulRCoaster.

**Aug 27 5:30-8:30: Sunset Social** with the Rotary Club of Longboat Key (Provisional). RSVP Sydelle at sydellelaw@aol.com for details.

## REGULAR SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

**Golf:** Bent Tree, Wednesdays at 2:20 & 2:28. E-mail RDJWAdams@aol.com by noon Tuesday if you want to play.

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

**WHO AM I?** This Rotarian, a lifelong scuba diver, has had the opportunity to physically touch and play with a long list of underwater creatures including moray eels, sharks, a variety of rays, dolphins, and turtles. The most memorable was riding a 30 foot whale shark for more than five minutes. (Answer revealed at Wed. lunch meeting.)

Wednesday at 12:00pm at Marina Jack Restaurant • Chartered April 12, 1926 • Member District 6960

## THIS MEETING *U.S. Representative Vern Buchanan*



U.S. Rep. Vern Buchanan is the only Florida member of Congress to serve on the powerful House Ways and Means Committee, which has jurisdiction over tax policy, international trade, health care and Social Security. A self-made businessman, Buchanan understands that America's economic strength flows from its entrepreneurial spirit and pro-growth, free-market policies. Buchanan has worked tirelessly to enact tax incentives to help small businesses, end burdensome regulations, and limit frivolous lawsuits.

## NEXT MEETING *Dr. Larry Thompson, President of Ringling College of Art + Design*

Starting in 2007 with the Ulla Searing Student Center, Dr. Thompson is rebuilding all of Ringling College to be 5 stories tall over the coming years. Prior to his Ringling College post Dr. Thompson is known for being CEO of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and helping architect I. M. Pei realize the current site design. He also ran the Flint Cultural Center. His talk will focus on Ringling College and the Museum of Modern Art.



## LAST MEETING *Veronica Brady and Jon Thaxton, Gulf Coast Community Foundation*



Veronica, Vice-President of Philanthropy for GCCF and Jon Thaxton, former County Commissioner and now working with nonprofit organizations focused largely on homeless children and families in Sarasota County. It is a shock to many residents that 1000 school age children are homeless and 50% of the school population is on reduced cost or free lunches because of homelessness and poverty. The presenters are very positive about the progress taking place since the initiative of several years ago and the evaluation and recommendations of consultant, Dr. Marbut. Stressed were: Engagement vs. Enabling - Engagement brings homeless people the services they need to improve their lives while enabling assists them to remain homeless and on the street. We need emergency portals, a come as you are shelter, computer development to coordinate services, more caseworkers and long term housing - there is a positive force for these assists but it will take participation by the whole community to realize them. - *Charlotte Ryan*



**NOTE:** If you have information for the SMILE please email [sleavis@gmail.com](mailto:sleavis@gmail.com) no later than the Friday before the Wednesday lunch meeting.