

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?



The Weekly Smile

Rotary Club of Sarasota

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Wednesday at 12:00pm at Marina Jack Restaurant • Chartered April 12, 1926 • Member District 6960
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INVOCATION FORUM Seeking Common Ground

The Board invites members of the Rotary Club of Sarasota to participate in a forum to discuss how to handle invocations at the start of our weekly meetings. DG Pete Doragh will moderate.

When: Thursday, Sept. 4, 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Where: 5150 N Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL

EVENT and HAPPY HOUR

Aug 27 Sunset Social with the soon-to-be chartered Rotary Club of Longboat Key. 5:30-8:30. RSVP Sydelle at sydellelaw@aol.com for details. This event qualifies as a make-up. (JRH comment - Don't miss this one.)

CLUB CALENDAR

The club web site has a calendar of events. Anyone who wants to put something on the calendar, such as meeting, should give details to our web master, Jim Henry, who will put the event on the calendar. Locations usually have a map.

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.

After Golf Dinner And Drinks: Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. Miller's Sarasota Ale House, 3800 Kenny Drive (Bee Ridge and Cattleman). Sign up at lunch or email Eugenerose@aol.com before 6 pm. **Non-golfers welcome.**

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

WHO AM I? This Rotarian, who professes to work in one of the most schmoozing, buttering-up type professions in the world, relieves stress and finds joy in making music, fishing, and eating chicken wings.

Previous Who Am I identities
Dan Dannheisser rode the shark.

Lynn Roberts ran from the bulls on crutches.

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

Starting in 2007 with the Ulla Searing Student Center, Dr. Thompson is leading the rebuilding all of Ringling College buildings to be 5 stories tall over the coming years. Prior to his Ringling College post, Dr. Thompson was CEO of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and helped 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.



NEXT MEETING **Member Talks**

Bill Furst
County Property Appraiser



Robin Bardo
Textiles



LAST MEETING **U.S. Representative Vern Buchanan**

"Is Washington dysfunctional?" Yes, said our speaker, because there is too much focus on the next election instead of on the issues the country faces. Florida is represented by 27 House members and two Senators. Some of the issues Representative Buchanan is working on include citrus greening for crop survival, veterans' benefits, bills to help the mentally ill including veterans.

Why did he run for office in 2007? He was very concerned about the budget and the increasing debt the country was experiencing. At the time, the deficit was \$130 billion and will soon be \$20 trillion. He has spearheaded and continues to work on this issue, believing that more bipartisanship and more focus on the issues will lead to less costly solutions to our national problems. He is extremely supportive of small businesses and start ups, many being started by women. The state of Florida and the country need to create much more business-focused communities, wherein we continue to address burdensome regulations and the subject of frivolous law suits. In our global economy, we need to help people who want to be in business. In his opinion, the economy is back on track and growing after a really difficult time. Vern Buchanan remains hopeful and focused on the issues. - **Charlotte Ryan**