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About This Week's Speaker: Chris Spano.....Tampa Bay Bucs



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Chris Spano joined the Buccaneers in 2014 and in his role oversees all aspects of the organization's business operations in the Southwest Florida market. The Buccaneers opened an office in Sarasota in May of 2014 and Spano has managed it since the inception. Through this office, fans in the community can more easily access information on Season Pass Memberships, the Stadium Club, Group Tickets, the new all-inclusive Hall of Fame Club and round trip bus transportation from both Sarasota and Bradenton.

Prior to joining the Buccaneers, Spano was with the San Diego Padres Baseball Club and the Boston Bruins Professional Hockey Association before that. A native of Springfield, Massachusetts, Chris graduated from Bentley University with a Bachelor of Science in Business Management. He and his wife Marisa live in Bradenton.

Today's Topic: Tampa Bay Bucs

Next Week's Speakers: Sarasota County Health Department . . Dr. Barbara Shirley. . . School Based Dental Sealant Program

Speakers for the Coming Weeks

September 21st: Ben Bates....Club Assembly....also featuring George Robertson-Burnett

September 28th: Laura Magnusson....Sarasota Memorial Hospital's New Rehabilitation Pavilion

October 5th: Sue Parsons Zipay....Girls Professional Baseball League

October 12th: Mary Dougherty-Slapp....Gulf Coast Builders Exchange

October 17th: Britt Riner....Junior League of Sarasota

October 25th: Shannon Stafford....Girls Inc.

November 2nd: Tom Barwin....Sarasota City Manager

GIVING CHALLENGE UPDATE by Rick Hughes

Giving Challenge progress continues to be made! As of 8/29 we have 57% of members pledging to participate AND another 10 member friends/family pledging. With donations of \$25 - \$100, we are making great strides toward funding our projects for next year and helping thousands of local kids and their families. Planning to participate but haven't yet pledged? Forms are on tables at the meeting and on the club website. Let us know so that we can celebrate each milestone. YOU can be the one...Together, we can be the change!

Also, remember that donations can be made **only on-line during the 24-hours of the Giving Challenge, by credit card**. If you are traveling or otherwise can't make the donation yourself, you can provide credit card info to Rick Hughes; who will input it for you on that day.

Need more info? Call Rick at 374-5896 and you can find forms on the Rotary Club of Sarasota website <http://www.rotaryclubofsarasotafoundation.org/>

Be The One

PREVIOUS MEETING (8/31/16) by Ron Raveyich

Having lost my younger cousin to breast cancer at age 49, I found the presentation by **Jeana Schmidt** and **Jasmine Garcia** especially relevant. Jeana and Jasmine represent the **Making Strides Against Breast Cancer of Sarasota/Manatee**, which is a 5k/3.1mile Fund Raising Walk held each Fall under the banner of the American Cancer Society. The 2016 walk will be held on October 22 at the Polo Grounds (8201 Polo Club Lane, Sarasota) at Lakewood Ranch. Last year 10,000 individuals participated in Making Strides and the proceeds are used to support those being treated for breast cancer by providing free lodging for them and their families, one on one support, rides to and from treatments, and related services to help with an individual's appearance following treatments. In 2015 across the country over \$11,000,000 was raised by Making Strides. Jeana and Jasmine are especially looking for Real Men to Wear Pink and join with them and lots of ladies for the walk this Fall.

Jeana Schmidt



Jasmine Garcia



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The Four 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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