

# ROTARY CLUB of SARASOTA



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**CLUB NUMBER 4339**  
**DISTRICT 6960**  
**ZONE 34**

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Classification: Real Estate Broker

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**About This Week's Speaker:**



**George Robertson-Burnett**

George was born in Aberdeen, Scotland and was educated at Aberdeen Grammar School prior to accepting his first employment with The Scottish Daily Mail as a training journalist. When that newspaper went into receivership, George joined Her Majesty's Customs and Excise, the UK's revenue collection and smuggling prevention agency, where he worked on enforcement and Narcotics Control.

After 13 years of Government service George joined with a business partner and started a freight forwarding company, called Regional Freight, in England. George met his wife Carole, while operating this business at Norwich Airport, England, and they were married in 1990. George and Carole were blessed in 1998 with the arrival of their daughter Phillipa (Pippa).

After thirteen years as Director of Regional freight, George sold his interests in the business and bought a hotel in Norwich, England, which he creatively named The George Hotel. George also purchased four Bar Restaurants and a Bed and Breakfast Inn, in England. After several years of successful operation, George sold all business interests in the UK and moved to Bartow, Florida to pursue a new lifestyle, and the family was delighted to become American Citizens in 2015.

A member of the Bartow Rotary Club virtually since arrival, George has been involved in all aspects of the Club's operation, including Club President in 2008/9. He served the District as the Assistant Governor Group 7 from 2009 – 2011, and Conference Chair in 2011 and 2012. George was named District Rotarian of the Year in both 2011 and 2012 and received a District 'Service Above Self Award' in 2013. George served as the District Governor for Rotary District 6890, for the year 2013/14, and is currently his District's Membership Chair and DG's Aide.

George is a graduate of RLI and is an RLI Discussion Leader. In 2014 he accepted a three year position as Assistant Rotary Coordinator for Zone 34, with emphasis on Membership growth and retention. George and Carole are Major Donors to the Rotary Foundation, and George is a Paul Harris Society member.

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**Next Week's Speaker: Laura Magnusson.... Sarasota Memorial Hospital's New Rehabilitation Pavilion**

**October 5<sup>th</sup>: Sue Parsons Zipay....Girls Professional Baseball League**

**October 12<sup>th</sup>: Mary Dougherty-Slapp....Gulf Coast Builders Exchange**

**October 19<sup>th</sup>: Britt Riner....Junior League of Sarasota**



THANKS TO ALL CLUB MEMBERS WHO DONATED DURING THE GIVING CHALLENGE!

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**PREVIOUS MEETING (9/14/16) by Charlotte Ryan**

We were reminded that the Giving Challenge with Community Foundation is Tuesday and Wednesday. Dr. Barbara Shirley and Jim Henry helped to start a dental program for 2nd graders whereby they get dental exams and treatment for dental problems. It is a fact that dental problems inhibit learning because of pain and associated distractions. All 2nd graders are also instructed on how to care for the teeth for a lifetime. Lorany Vasquez and Linda Glover who administer the program for the Public Health Department explained that most of the children are on Medicaid and that Blue Cross/Blue Shield gave a three year grant to transport children to two clinics. The focus is and will continue to be on preventative dental care.

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**Dining for Women will be on the 3rd Tuesday of each month beginning on October 18.**

**October's project takes place in Mali and targets agriculture and economic sustainability.**

**The host for Dining for Women's Oct. 18 meeting will be Ben and Lynn Bates. Their address is: 3659 Torrey Pines Blvd. 34238....located in the Country Club of Sarasota off Beneva.**

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**Club Social – Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup>  
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm  
Join Bob Summers & Seaside National Bank & Trust  
1999 Main St., Sarasota**



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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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