

# ROTARY CLUB of SARASOTA



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CLUB NUMBER 4339  
DISTRICT 6960  
ZONE 34

**PRESIDENT - VICENTE MEDINA**  
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**SMILE** THE WEEKLY CLUB NEWSLETTER

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**THIS MEETING** 9/30/15  
Club Assembly

**NEXT MEETING** 10/7/15  
Admiral Lawrence Chambers

**LAST MEETING** *Charlotte Ryan* 9/23/15

Because our speaker of the day did not appear, several club members/chairpersons informed us of current and future projects. Charles Alkire updated us on Pioneer Picnic plans and introduced Jackie Kaiser who, with her late husband, provides the antique cars at the annual event. Our next Pioneer Picnic will take place on October 4, 2015.

Chair and founder of the Dictionary Project, Francine DiFillipo Kent informed us that dictionaries have been ordered. This is a project dear to both the children, their teachers and all Rotarians who take part. The project takes place at Alta Vista and Booker elementary schools.

Steve Cork brought humor to the discussion showing us the unidentifiable make up slips some members submit and reminded us, "no name, no credit."

President, Vicente Medina, talked about the increases to our lunch etc. and that dues will increase minimally in 2016. The budget will be presented next week.

Navid Kichi, membership chair, shared his experience at a Membership Workshop and the findings of Rotary as to why people are leaving and why people are not joining Rotary (not our club membership experience). Surveys by RI indicate that people are joining for local impact (community service), fellowship and networking and staying for friendship, local impact and less for networking. However, younger people are looking for networking opportunities.

Sunday, October 4th Robarts Sports Arena

## PIONEER PICNIC

Doors open at 12 Noon

<http://www.pioneerpicnic.org> / Phone 941-724-3667  
Check with Charles Alkire for Sponsor Opportunities!

### 1928 ROTARY MEETING



### siegel + gale FINDINGS

Why .....	Join?...	Stay?
<b>Friendship</b>	30.0%	<b>38.4%</b>
<b>Local Impact</b>	35.5%	<b>36.1%</b>
<b>Networking</b>	18.7%	5.2%
<b>Recognition</b>	4.3%	2.3%
<b>Training</b>	3.3%	3.5%
Global impact	8.2%	14.5%

"Our organizational priority is, and must be, membership ... without members, there would be no Rotary. If we can achieve so much with the clubs and members we currently have, what could we do if we had more?"

**John Hewko, General Secretary of Rotary International**

### AROUND THE CLUB

*Bill Jotham Sezs*

A person's height is determined by their father, and their weight is determined by their mother.

