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About This Week's Speaker: Britt Riner....Junior League of Sarasota



Britt Riner is the Executive Director of the national civic leadership non-profit Teneo. Prior to leading Teneo, Britt launched Liber Consulting, LLC. She honed her consulting repertoire through her work in the Washington, DC area at Booz Allen Hamilton (NYSE: BAH) which involved client engagements with the U.S. Army and Air Force, as well as at K12, Inc. (NYSE: LRN) the nation's largest provider of online public school.

Britt graduated cum laude from Duke University (BA) and from Stanford University (MA). Britt believes strong civic engagement is essential to a flourishing democratic republic. She exemplifies this in her voluntarism as an Honor Flight organizer, board member of Women's Rights Without Frontiers, and her role as Junior League of Sarasota President through which she leads 700 women. A Sarasota native, she is grateful to have returned home after living in several states, to be wife to Noah, a local business owner, and to be mother to 9-months-old Magnolia.

Next Week's Speaker:

October 26th: Shannon Stafford....Girls Inc.

And for the next few weeks:

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

November 9th: Jacqueline Moore....Mayor, City of North Port

November 16th: Margo McKnight....Florida Aquarium

If there are no objections, the following members will be inducted next week:

Maarten Meckman	<i>Paralegal</i>	<i>sponsored by</i> Ben Bates
Robyn Faucy	<i>Non-Profit</i>	<i>sponsored by</i> Rick Hughes

Gift of Life Florida presents: Keys for the Heart Concert

A special Evening of Music to benefit life saving open heart surgery for children
Saturday, October 29, 2016 6:00 - 9:00pm
St Thomas More's Chelsea Center
2506 Gulf Gate Drive, Sarasota, FL 34231
\$75 per person (includes catered hors'oeuvres, cash bar)
Featuring Renowned Pianist Francesco Attesti & Soprano Natalie Avila
For Tickets call Lou Auricchio at 941-587-7741 or go to the website at www.keysfortheheart.org

PREVIOUS MEETING (10/12/16) by Ron Rayevich

One way we can assure the preservation of Florida Gulf Coast's bays, beaches, barrier islands, and watersheds is through the **Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast**. Its President, **Christine Johnson**, a fifth generation Floridian, explained how through the use of gifts, grants, fund raisers, and conservation easements the **Conservation Foundation** has managed over the past 12 years to preserve over 8600 acres of land in the four county area Gulf Coast area critical to its mission. The recent addition of the 1143 acre Triangle Ranch on the north edge of Myakka River State Park was further evidence of its success. In addition to visiting our lovely beaches, tourists to this area say that they next most important reason for them coming is to view wildlife in areas in and about our wetlands. As an accredited conservation foundation and member of the National Land Trust, the **Conservation Foundation** is an important partner, along with the State's **Florida Forever Act**, in preserving the natural beauty and unique character of Florida's scenic legacy.

For Hurricane Matthew Relief: Support the Haitian Health Foundation

Pam Akins says, "If you want to help hurricane-devastated Jeremie, Haiti, give to the **Haitian Health Foundation**. I have been supporting the nonprofit for years and was at their facility in Jeremie in 2003 as a Rotary Volunteer. A recipient of Rotary Foundation and USAID grants, HHF is one of the most effective organizations for relief in Jeremie. It was even recommended on MSNBC's Rachel Maddow Show."

HHF was founded by Rotarian Dr. Jerry Lowney, a dentist, who began offering free dental services to Haitians in the 80s, and, at the request of Mother Teresa's Sisters of Charity, settled in Jeremie. There, he built a four-story medical clinic and a separate prenatal facility for at-risk mothers.

Says Pam, "Rotarians have supported HHF programs through donations and hands-on volunteer work for over 25 years. We've supplied goats, pigs and chicken to Haitian families, donated an ambulance, and built a playground, outhouses and *Happy Houses*, small concrete-block homes for Haitian families. When I was there, I nailed my club's plaque to a two-room Happy House in Jeremie. It was tiny, but I know it survived the hurricane when next-door shanties of wood, tin and cardboard blew away."

Right now, they need funds to combat cholera and starvation. Donations can be made at <http://www.haitianhealthfoundation.org/donate/> or as checks to the **Haitian Health Foundation** that Pam will send to their Connecticut offices. **Thank you for your generosity.**

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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?

2016/2017 PRESIDENTIAL THEME: ROTARY SERVING HUMANITY