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## THIS MEETING

**CJ Bannister**, Director of Veteran Services— an air force veteran, leads Goodwill Industries efforts to provide services for returning veterans who face heightened problems re-entering civilian life. After her service, she entered what is now known as Hodges University in Naples, FL while working as a Paralegal. After University life, she began a career in the financial industry. In 2014 she changed careers and is dedicated to helping fellow veterans.



## FUTURE PROGRAMS

**Nov. 4 Animal Rescue Coalition Board Chair Joanna Pace-Brackett; Executive Director Gisele Pintchuck.** Animal Rescue Coalition (ARC) is a local non-profit whose mission is to address the issue of pet overpopulation and euthanasia rates in local shelters by means of a proactive and transformative spay and neuter program. **Gisele** (pictured) has spent the past 19 years working in the local non-profit sector. At ARC, Gisele is responsible for the development and implementation of all aspects of the organization's fundraising and community outreach aside from daily program and operations management. She graduated from Universidade Federal de Vitoria in Brazil with a bachelor of arts in Marketing and Public Relations, moved to United States in 1987 and has been a Sarasota resident since 1989. She can be reached at [gisele@animalrescuecoalition.org](mailto:gisele@animalrescuecoalition.org) or 941-957-1955, ext. 3.



**Nov. 11 Rotary Club of Sarasota Foundation**



DO ANY LONG-TIME MEMBERS RECOGNIZE WHO **ROBIN BARDO** MET FOR THE FIRST TIME WHILE CELEBRATING OCTOBERFEST IN THE NORTH CAROLINA



## AROUND THE CLUB

Words from those supporting the **Booker Middle School** Take Home Food Pantry: **Robin Bardo**: "This was, perhaps, my most rewarding Rotary project to date." **Geoff Gillon**: "Seemed to be a great success. It was nice to see people in need get food." **Sean Skinner**: "Personal, feel-good, experience!"



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**Nick Rossi** coordinates efforts with All Faiths Food Bank. Rotarians responsible for each pantry the club sponsors are:

**Alta Vista Steve Cork**  
**Emma E. Booker Gene Rose**  
**Booker Middle Dick Rehmyer**

## PANTRY SPONSORS NEEDED

The next schools in line for pantries are Suncoast School for Innovative Studies and Gocio Elementary. **The Rotary Club of Sarasota Sunrise** will sponsor one. Opportunities to sponsor other pantries are open to notable civic organizations. We are asking Rotarians to alert organizations that might be interested in sponsoring a pantry to contact **Nick Rossi** or **Jim Henry**.

## PREVIOUS MEETING by Ron Rayevich

Thanks to club member **Suzi Norbeck**, who serves as a docent at the Dali Museum in St. Petersburg, for bringing to us Craig Petersburg, the museum's Manager of School and Community Education and an expert on the life and art of Salvador Dali (1904 - 1989). We learned about Dali's early life in Spain and while he completed four years of college in art education, Dali never graduated because he didn't think the faculty members were capable of judging his art, and he really didn't want to teach. We enjoyed an excellent presentation of Dali's works. When visiting the Dali museum it becomes quite clear that the extensive collection, which was purchased and donated by the Morse family, is divided in three distinct periods. **Suzi Norbeck** said to be sure to visit her for a more complete understanding of Dali's unique artist talents. I can vouch that the museum's distinctive architecture adds to the pleasure of the visit.



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