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This Weeks's Speaker: Sam Lowry, Sarasota Opera



Sam Lowry joined the administrative staff of Sarasota Opera in July of 2010. Initially hired as the Executive Assistant to the Executive Director, he was promoted to the role of Communications Officer in May of 2011 overseeing all aspects and public relations and media for Sarasota Opera. In June of 2013 he was promoted to his current role of Director of Audience Development where he has expanded his responsibilities to include creating opera based educational initiatives designed to engage the community of Sarasota.

Sam moved to Sarasota from New York City where he worked as the Marketing and Development Associate and Operations Manager for the InterSchool Orchestras of New York, New York City's premiere youth orchestra programs. Prior to his entrée to the world of Arts Administration, Sam pursued a career as a professional opera singer. He had the good fortune of performing with companies such as the Oregon Opera Ensemble, Central City Opera, Washington National Opera and Aspen Opera Theater as well as in concert and recital with orchestras on both sides of the United States, Europe and Central America.

Sam holds a Bachelor of Music in Vocal Performance from the University of Oregon and a Master of Music in Vocal Performance from the Peabody Conservatory in Baltimore, MD. He is member of the Gulf Coast Leadership Institute class of 2015 and a two-time recipient (2011 and 2016) of the Joan Herrold and David Wood Staff Award for outstanding service employee award.

Next Week's Speaker: Margo McKnight...Florida Aquarium



PREVIOUS MEETING (11/2/16) by Charlotte Ryan & Dorothy Pratt

Tim Barwin, City Manager of the City of Sarasota, gave an overview of the state of the City. He described it as fantastic, growing, bustling and happy. Sarasota is one of the top 15 small cities in the nation. There is a revitalization of the North Trail with New College and Ringling College in the process of development and enlargement. Mr. Barwin saluted club member, Dan Smith, for his ongoing work to re-establish the Bobby Jones Golf Course. He also mentioned the ongoing re-nourishment of Lido Beach with a long range plan and the re-establishment of the Parks Dept. to replenish the parks which suffered during the recession.

A record number of permits have been issued this year with 1600 apartments, 1000 condos and 1000 hotel rooms being built. Of course, with the growth comes challenges - one of them being the amount of traffic all this development brings.

Barwin has learned that many of Sarasota's homeless have addictions and/or mental health issues. While Sarasota has 225 shelter accommodations downtown, the Florida trend is to put mental health services away from downtown pan handling districts.

DINING FOR WOMEN

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH AT 6:30PM

LOIS SCHAPER'S HOUSE – 5816 FAIRWAY LAKES DRIVE (PALM AIRE)

Hear about a project in Niger that target economic and environmental sustainability, agriculture and gender equality

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