

ROTARY CLUB of SARASOTA



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



Margo McKnight is a native Floridian with a deep love for her state, its wild places and the people that live here.

Trained as a biologist and artist, she has combined both disciplines throughout her career, working with both traditional conservation organizations as well as zoos and aquariums. Her responsibilities as the Vice President of Biological Operations at the Florida Aquarium perfectly blends art and science as she is responsible for the conservation programs that take place in the wild from Tampa Bay to the south coast of Cuba as well as the design of the habitats that are created to inspire and engage the aquarium visitor.

Margo is an avid kayaker, equestrian, birder and painter.

Next Week's Speaker: Phil Pagano...Sarasota Farmer's Market

And for the next few weeks:

11/30 - TBD

12/7 – Susan Burns...Biz 941/Gulfshore Media

12/14 – Emily Walsh...The Observer Media Group

12/21 – Ben Bates...Club Assembly

A little Rotary history.....

Our 1.2 million-member organization started with the vision of one man—**Paul P. Harris**.

The Chicago attorney, on 23 February, 1905, formed the organization that became the Rotary Club of Chicago, a place where professionals with diverse backgrounds could exchange ideas and form meaningful, lifelong friendships.

Rotary's name came from the group's early practice of rotating meetings among the offices of each member.



PREVIOUS MEETING (11/9/16) by Charlotte Ryan

A varied program:

A tribute to Veteran's Day followed by installation of new members, Brock and Samantha, sponsored by Rick Hughes.

Charles Alkire introduced RIF Foundation Month; the Foundation was started in 1905. When Paul Harris passed away in 1947, \$1.3 million was raised for the Foundation. In 1981, the endowment was funded and in 1985 Polio Plus was initiated. Our club has 93 members plus the two installed today; we have 71% males and 29% females; 1% is under 30 years of age; 2% under 50, 15% under 60 and 53% over 60.

After Charles's presentation, Sam Lowry, Director of Audience Development at the Opera House presented information about the season ahead. It is the 50th consecutive season and is in the top 20 in the U.S. The 28-year Verdi cycle is completed - Victor DeRenzi being the only conductor to conduct all of the Verdi work. The mission of the Opera House is to educate and has the most comprehensive youth opera in the U.S.

DOWNTOWN AFTER HOURS SOCIAL ***EVERY MONDAY, 5 P.M.*** ***NEXT WEEK AT SOCIAL EATERY AND BAR*** ***1219 1ST STREET***

*JOIN CLUB MEMBERS AND GUESTS FOR SOME RELAXING FRIENDSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP PRIOR TO GOING HOME. THIS PAST MONDAY THE GROUP HEARD SOME INTERESTING INSIDER POLICING AND PROSECUTING STORIES FROM RETIRED SHERIFF LT. **JOAN VERIZZO** AND PAST SARASOTA COUNTY PROSECUTOR **DAN DANNHEISSER**. SEVERAL ROTARIANS, INCLUDING **DON BRUNS** AND **NICK ROSSI**, GAVE PROFESSIONAL NETWORKER **ANDREA NIERENBERG** SOME SAGE COCKTAIL ADVICE ON HER JOURNEY TO **DANCING WITH THE STARS!** NATURALLY, THIS TYPE GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER REINFORCES HOW*

**Rotarians Make the World Better,
One Community at the Time.**

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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