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#### THIS MEETING

**Sylvia Wedge**, Secretary, and **Bob Holmes**, Executive Officer, will tell us about the Sarasota Power and Sailing Squadron (SPSS), which was founded in 1952 and is one of the largest USPS Squadrons,



with over 300 members. It is a volunteer organization. Its recently expanded and renovated Education Building is the center of teaching all boating courses – including Boat Safety classes for the public and advanced and elective marine courses for members. Its on-the-water activities include cruises, rendezvous, navigation contests, raftings and more.

#### **Future Programs**

December 16 - Vocational Talks December 23 - Holiday Surprise

# DINING FOR MOMEN

Tuesday, Dec 15 at 6:30 pm. Sarabande 340 S. Palm Avenue



This month's project is to help South Eastern Asia girls obtain an education. To reserve a spot, contact Lois at loisschaper@yahoo.com



Rotary Day at the Dali Museum; 11 a.m. Sunday Dec 20. \$19 in advance to Lee-En, \$22 at the door.

Holiday Party - Saturday, Dec. 19 Amore by Andre on Longboat Key.

PLEASE SIGN-UP AND SELECT ENTRÉE BY GOING TO THE CLUB WEBSITE AND CLICKING ON THE FLORIDA CHRISTMAS TREE.



Wednesday, Dec 30
Meeting Suspended
Happy New Year



ROTARIANS MAKE THE WORLD BETTER...
ONE COMMUNITY AT THE TIME.

AS YOU CONSIDER YOUR GENEROUS YEAR- END CONTRIBUTIONS, PLEASE CONSIDER THE ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTED BY MEMBERS OF

## ROTARY CLUB OF SARASOTA

AND THE ORGANIZATION MOST SUPPORT!



#### **PREVIOUS MEETING** by Ron Rayevich

It's pretty clear to me that Sarasota is really becoming a first class city when we are able to bring talent from New York City's cultural institutions. **Jennifer Rominiecki**, President and CEO of Marie Selby Botanical Gardens, is one of those who 9 months ago moved here from NYC to



lead Selby. Today over 140,000 visitors enjoy the 15 acres and 20,000 plants comprising the gardens. Selby is supported by 800 volunteers and is unique in that it is the only botanical garden specializing in epiphytes (air plants such as orchids). I especially enjoy taking my granddaughter to Ann Goldstein Children's Rainforest Garden which opened two years ago. Marie Selby Botanical Gardens is celebrating its 40th Anniversary and remains one of the jewels of Sarasota, enjoyed by visitors and locals alike, including 6000 school children who this year came to see the Children's Rainforest Garden.

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