



### THE 4-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?



# The Weekly Smile

Rotary Club of Sarasota

December 10, 2014

Wednesday at 12:00pm at Marina Jack Restaurant • Chartered April 12, 1926 • Member District 6960



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## EVENTS

**Sarasota Art Festival** meetings will be after the Club Meetings on 2nd Wed. of the month.

**TRF Committee** meetings will be after the Club Meetings on 1st Wed. of the month.

## HOLIDAY PARTY

**Please note change of venue and time!** Sunday, December 14th, 6-9 pm at Amore located at 555 Bay Isles Parkway, Longboat Key (Howard Rooks' new fabulous restaurant). A sit down dinner will be served. **Please sign up either on the website or at the meeting with dinner selection and number attending by Wednesday Dec. 10th.**

## REGULAR SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

**Golf:** Bent Tree, Wednesdays at 2:20 & 2:28. E-mail RDJWAdams@aol.com by noon Tuesday if you want to play.

**Breakfast:** Saturdays 8:30 am at Panera Bread, 41 & Bahia Vista.

**Dining for Women** will be the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the Sarasota Bay Club. Please go to our website to sign up. On **December 16th** will be the Women's Microfinance Initiative which will establish village-level loan hubs administered by local women, to provide capital, training and support to rural women in the lowest income brackets in East Africa so that they can engage in income producing activities.

## THIS MEETING "I WAS THERE." Helen Fagin, Holocaust Survivor



Helen Fagin helped establish the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and the nation's World War II Memorial. A holocaust survivor herself, Fagin was studying at the Jagiellonian University in Krakow when her studies were interrupted by Germany's invasion of Poland. Holocaust resource *Echoes and Reflections* writes that a 17-year-old Fagin helped establish a clandestine school for her younger sister and other children in her ghetto. She narrowly escaped

deportation and spent five and half years under Nazi persecution. She moved to the United States in 1946 knowing little English, pursued her education, and eventually became a professor of English and Director of Judaic Studies at the University of Miami. In 1977, she received her Ph.D from the Union Institute and University in Cincinnati, Ohio. Since retiring, she has dedicated herself to educating teachers on the moral lessons of the Holocaust.

## NEXT MEETING The Rotary Singers

Sing along with our own Rotary Singers to festive holiday tunes and maybe we will see Santa!

## LAST MEETING Klaus Lang's Trip to Bhutan

There really is a Shangri La! Klaus Lang was there and gave us an excellent presentation of what he found in this remote land wedged in the mountains between India and Tibet. With a population of just 700,000 and only one city over 70,000, Bhutan is about the size of Switzerland. Its population is entirely Buddhist, and there are 7000 monks who work and live in numerous temple communities. It is also a totally non-smoking country with only a single one lane highway serving the entire country, which functions as a democratic, constitutional monarchy with over a thousand year history as an independent nation state. Its primary industries are the sale of hydro electric power and tourism. There is even a small Rotary Club in Bhutan. The lovely mountain views, the neat small villages and cities, handsome temples, and pleasant, nicely dressed inhabitants made Klaus's visit to Bhutan a delight for all of us to see in his wonderful power point presentation. - **Ron Rayevich**

## CLUB CALENDAR

The club's web site has a calendar of events. Anyone who wants to put something on the calendar, such as meetings, should give details to our web master, Jim Henry.

**NOTE:** If you have information for the **SMILE** please e-mail Susan Leavis at [sleavis@gmail.com](mailto:sleavis@gmail.com) and Jim Henry at [jrhjr@jimhenrybooks.com](mailto:jrhjr@jimhenrybooks.com) no later than the Friday before the Wednesday lunch meeting.