

# ROTARY CLUB of SARASOTA



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CLUB NUMBER 4339

DISTRICT 6960

ZONE 34

PRESIDENT – JEFF MEYER

Classification: Vice President, Investments

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Rotarian of the Year recognition presented to Sarah Lodge by President Joe



Andrea Nierenberg and Sue Leavis



Vickie and Charles Alkire



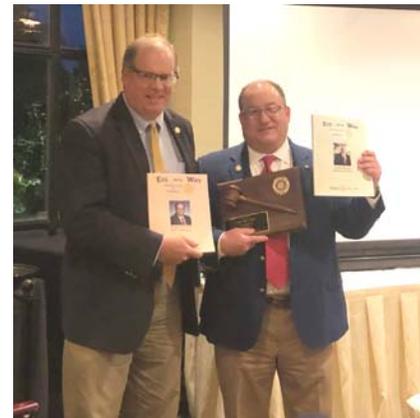
Prodigal Son installing 2019-20 President Jeff Meyer



Fr. Gutierrez and Caring Santos



Roy and Jean Adams



Eye into Why compilations presented to past presidents David and Joe



**PROGRAM COMMITTEE CHAIR - BOB GAGLIO**

**July Programs**

- July 17 — Aaron Mattes      Aaron Mattes Therapy
- July 24 — John Smarge      Rotary International Haiti HANWASH
- July 31 — Charles C. Reith, Phd Reith Energy & Environmental Development

## THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM



**Robert Bernstein will talk with us about the community controversy regarding the Selby Gardens \$91M Master Plan.**

Robert has been a full time resident of Sarasota for 2 1/2 years. He retired from a successful career in the wine & spirits industry and has held senior management positions at Seagram and Diageo before starting up and running a marketing agency for Diageo (the largest drinks company in the world). Robert also spent 6 years at Bacardi in Miami before running a marketing service company Brandmuscle in Chicago. He became involved in the controversy over the Selby Gardens Master Plan when it became evident that they were planning to try and change the Comprehensive Plan for the City of Sarasota. While there may be some good aspects of this Master Plan, there are downsides to build a massive plan within their 14.7 acres that contradicts what would be-

come an overbuild adjacent to a residential Neighborhood with a 7 story garage that has a commercial restaurant on top. Robert is heading up a Group that is trying to get Selby to come to the table with some compromises that truly answer the concerns of Concerned Citizens.

Robert represents both his Neighborhood Assoc. (*Bay Point Park*) as well as 5 other associations as well as Concerned Citizens who are opposed to granting Selby a change in the Sarasota Comprehensive plan. Just as an FYI we have a website and have over 1,200 signatures on our petition.

### PREVIOUS MEETING (07/03/2019) BY RON RAYEVICH



I always find learning about the backgrounds and careers of our fellow club members makes me enjoy my club membership even more. **Shelly Wilson** and **Karen Atwood** profiled their journey to Sarasota and their business careers with us. **Shelly** grew up in Ohio and, following an early career as an accountant with RPM Industries, was transferred to Sarasota as Director of Corporate Programs and Community Relations for RPM's Specialty Products Group. In this capacity she focuses on leadership development, team building, and career assessment. Her interest in Rotary was stimulated by the Youth Exchange Program.

**Karen** is the Owner of the Mellow Mushroom restaurant on South Tamiami Trail. She was born in Wyoming and grew up in Utah. She began her career with AT&T and then spent a number of years in the financial services industry, but wanted to move close to the beach and be involved with an interesting restaurant concept. After moving to Sarasota she became a franchisee with the popular pizza restaurant chain, Mellow Mushroom. She finds working with young people who dominate the food services business to be both interesting and a challenge.

Thanks **Shelly** and **Karen** for sharing your backgrounds and career stories with us.



## ALTA VISTA SUMMER PANTRY

**Thursdays 2 crews Pack 2-4 pm Distribute 6:15-7 pm**

**7/11/2019**

**Maarten says he will gladly accept all the help he can get!**

### NOTICE

*To stimulate public awareness and give the public an opportunity to participate in helping Sarasota County students achieve top place in the State's third reading level (in systems with over 2,000 students), an on-line campaign is underway. It would be helpful for Rotarians to help us lead the way by making others aware of this goal.*

**CLUB MEMBERS ARE NOT TO FEEL PRESSURED TO CONTRIBUTE MORE THAN THEY ALREADY HAVE.**