

ROTARY CLUB of SARASOTA



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Left to right, Past RI Director John Smarge, new member Melissa Kotler Schwartz, President Nominee Lee-En Chung, and President Jeff Meyer.

Past RI director inducted into our club Melissa Kotler Schwartz, who was proposed by President-Nominee Lee-En Chung. Melissa brings our club's membership to 104 active and 4 honorary members.

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

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**ROTARY'S AUGUST FIRST TUESDAY
HAPPY HOUR IS CANCELLED,
YOU CAN ENJOY FOOD AND
EXCELLENT ENTERTAINMENT WITH NO
COVER CHARGE.
ENTERTAINMENT BEGINS AT 6:30.
Reservations needed—call 941-383-1111**

ROTARY NIGHT AT THE OPERA Nov. 1 — 7:30 pm. **RIGOLETTO**



Ana Bartys, who coordinates our annual Rotary Night at the Opera, has secured 35 tickets. The cost will be \$83.60. A deposit of \$20.00 per ticket is needed when you sign up or shortly thereafter or your signup will be invalidated.

There is no reception space available on Nov. 1, but Ana has arranged for an optional group dinner at Umbrellas, the restaurant adjacent to the Opera House. A prix fixe two course dinner with four entrée choices and salad will be \$33.00 plus tax and gratuity.

A signup sheet will be available at the Wednesday meetings. Please indicate on the signup sheet the number of opera tickets you wish to have and whether or not your party wishes to enjoy dinner at Umbrellas.

If you have any questions, please contact Ana Bartys at anabartys@gmail.com or call her at 941-321-2674.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE CHAIR - BOB GAGLIO

August Program Coordinator - Kevin Tighe

August 7 - Dr. Karen Hollbrook University of South Florida Sarasota Chancellor

August 14 - Tom Fitzgerald Opioid Crisis

August 21 - Bob Parkinson Communications

August 28 - Wendy Rodriguez Hope for Children & Families



THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM



Charles C. Reith, Phd Reith Energy & Environmental Development will provide an update on the status of clean energy initiatives in Sarasota. This will include the City's commitment to be 100% renewable in municipal operations by 2030 and in its overall footprint by 2045. Charles will explain why this objective is particularly important for Sarasota and what its far-reaching economic benefits will be. He will also explain and answer questions on the technicalities and economics of solar, wind, and other forms of clean energy. Charles is a retired environmental scientist who has served as Professor, Department Chair, Environmental Officer, and Provost respectively at University of Louisiana, Tulane University, George Mason, and the American University of Nigeria. His research expertise is in climate adaptation for America's coastal cities and Africa's food systems, including farming and herding. He has also developed wind, solar, and biomass energy systems in the US and abroad and, previously, worked as a consultant and executive in the

nuclear, coal, and petroleum industries. Charles has a Ph.D. in Ecology from the University of New Mexico and is a member of the Rotary Club of Sarasota Bay.

PREVIOUS MEETING (07/24/2019) BY JIM HENRY

The Rotary Club of Sarasota was honored to have past Rotary International Director John Smarge talk to our club about **HANWASH**, a collaborative national initiative to provide thoughtfully managed and sustainable clean water and sanitation to all citizens of Haiti, along with the associated health, community and economic benefits. More specifically, by 2030, HANWASH would ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all through:

- Universal and equitable access to safe and affordable drinking water
- Access to adequate and equitable sanitation and hygiene
- Long term commitment and engagement of local communities to support and strengthen improvements and management

The initial program is through 4 pilot projects, located in Communes of Cavaillon, Ferrier, Trou du Nord and Croix des Bouquets – representing one commune in each of the four regions, each supported by the Rotary club structure in the area. HANWASH will focus on systematically increasing access to sustainable managed water, with the aim of expanding the program across the whole of Haiti once it is shown to be successful.

Rotarians can get involved by:

- Being a Rotary **HANWASH** District or Club Champion to sponsor a Global Grant with us (we can help with the details!)
- Adopting a Communal Section or Coordinate 7-8 clubs to provide services in water & sanitation for a commune.
 - Watching for opportunities to visit or tour and be a part of identifying needs in assessments (walk sites, meet with locals, etc.)
 - Volunteering your professional or technical skills for planning and implementation on the ground.
 - Coordinating your Haiti water project with **HANWASH** if you have an existing one in place or are planning one.
 - Introducing **HANWASH** to possible partner corporations, other non-governmental organizations or foundations.
 - Directing fellow Rotarians or anyone you know who may be interested to the www.HANWASH.org website to donate or volunteer.
 - Signing up on the **HANWASH** website to receive its newsletter and stay informed on this transformational project.



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.