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Suzi Norbeck and Fred Browning visited with Pam Akins and Barry Levinson at Pam and Barry's summer Connecticut home. Pictured l to r are Barry, Pam, Suzi, and Fred.

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.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE CHAIR - BOB GAGLIO

August Program Coordinator - Kevin Tighe

August 14 - Tom Fitzgerald Opioid Crisis

August 21 - Bob Parkinson Communications

August 28 - Wendy Rodriguez Hope for Children & Families



THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM



Dr. Karen Holbrook, PhD, was appointed regional chancellor at the University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee on Jan. 2, 2018, after serving as executive vice [president](#) at USFSM and [senior](#) advisor to the president of the University of South Florida system since the summer of 2017. She was the interim president at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, and has previously served as USF's senior vice president for global affairs and international research (2010-12), senior vice president for research, innovation and global affairs (2007-10) and as senior advisor to the USF system president (2013-16).

She came to USF after serving as the president at The Ohio State University (2002-07); the senior vice president for academic affairs and provost at the University of Georgia; vice president for research, and dean of the graduate school at the University of Florida; and associate dean for research and professor of biological structure and medicine at the University of Washington School of [Medicine](#).

Dr. Holbrook was an active biomedical researcher and NIH MERIT Award investigator early in her career. She earned bachelor's and master's degrees in Zoology at the University of Wisconsin in Madison and a doctorate in Biological Structure at the University of Washington School of Medicine where she served as a postdoctoral fellow in dermatology, faculty member, and research administrator.

She is married to Jim Holbrook, a physical oceanographer who spent his career with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) at Pacific Marine Environmental Lab in Seattle, Washington and in Washington, D.C. They have one married son, James who is the Senior Art Director and Producer for ABC World News in New York City.



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PREVIOUS MEETING (07/31/2019) BY RON RAYEVICH

We may all have read a little about the City of Sarasota's commitment to a 100% renewable environment by 2030, but until **Charles Reith, PhD (Ecology) and head of Reith Energy and Environmental Development**, spoke to us, I am not sure if I understood the implications of this commitment. **Dr. Reith** presented a film which showed that by 2040 Sarasota anticipates that if nothing changes, there would be a two foot rise in sea level which will completely flood the beach at Siesta Key. The keys to stopping this is for both the city and its residents to aggressively employ renewable energy sources. Sarasota is one of 130 cities around the nation and the second in Florida which are dedicated to developing a sustainable environment and are part of the Suncoast Climate Justice Coalition aimed at leveraging the power of cities to transition toward renewable energy. There are far reaching benefits to the use of solar, wind and other forms of clean energy both locally and nationally which helps national security, economic opportunity, and lowers environmental stress. Using strategies such as tax credits, energy tariffs, and subsidies, governments, both local, state and national, can influence the choices we all make regarding the use or misuse of energy. Thanks, **Dr. Reith**, for bringing us up-to-date on this important issue.



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.