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ZONE 34

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Quarterly Dues

	Now	Effective Next Invoice
Club	\$ 50.00	\$ 51.00
District 6960	\$ 30.00	\$ 34.00
Rotary International	\$ 30.00	\$ 34.00
	\$110.00	\$ 119.00

ADVENTURES IN SERVICE

Every time I pay my quarterly dues, I recall the many adventures I have had as a Rotarian. No kidding. I know we laugh (*or shudder*) at the thought of serving as a committee chair, but doing so can be a satisfying and learning experience. Perhaps the pinnacle **Adventure in Service** in a club, particularly in our club, is serving as president. Our president gets the chance to expand their network by getting to know members better, going to the International Convention, the All Florida Presidents-Elect Training Seminar, District

6960 Events, and Area 7 Presidents' Council meetings (*not to mention convening and running the Board of Directors Meetings.*)

So what is Area 7? It is the seven (7) clubs in northern Sarasota County and is one of eight (8) areas in Rotary's administrative District 6960, which encompasses Manatee, Sarasota, Charlotte, DeSoto, Lee, Collier, Hendry, and Glades Counties. D-6960 is in Rotary's Zone 34, pictured in the adjacent graphic, is one of 34 worldwide administrative zones. Districts and Zones exist solely to help clubs advance the Object of Rotary.

District 6960

Southwest Florida

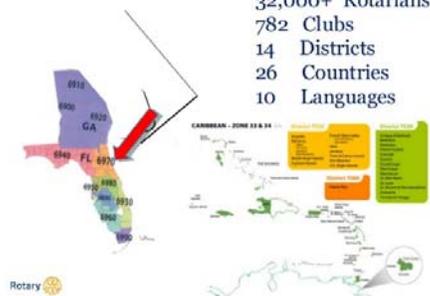


After serving as president, Rotarians can experience additional **ADVENTURES IN SERVICE** by serving as assistant governor (*which many of our past presidents have done, most recently Ben Bates*), then as District Governor, as have four club members (*Dick Rehmeier and Jim Henry in D-6960 and Donna D'Agostino and Pam Akins in other districts.*)

As Governor, personal networks balloon as will the opportunities to experience other **ADVENTURES**. After governorships, more opportunities will arise because of your expanded network. You will only be limited by your time and, as in my case, age related issues. In other words, you'll just get too old to experience many adventures too far from home.

Jim Henry

ZONE 34



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. **Checks are to be made out to the Rotary Club of Sarasota.**

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

September Program Coordinator — Dan Dannheisser
Sept 4 — Laura Randal - International Convention
Sept 11 — District Governor Richard Kirschner & Nancy
Sept 18 — Liz Alpert - Mayor of Sarasota
Sept 25 — Ariel Serrano - Sarasota Cuban Ballet



THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

Bob Stone, proprietor of MinuteMan Press, past president, and former assistant governor will lead a discussion about S4TL, a powerful, autonomous Rotary-sponsored leadership training program for soon-to-be high school seniors. S4TL is annually convened on the campus at Florida Southern College in Lakeland, and is managed by Rotarians from Rotary International Administrative Districts 6960, 6950, and 6890. These districts encompass the area on the coast from Hernando County (*Brooksville*) in the north to Collier County (*Naples*), and the midland counties of Hillsborough (*Tampa*), Polk (*Lakeland*), Hardee, DeSoto, and Highlands, and Hendry (*Clewiston*.)

This award-winning program is capable of transforming the lives of these leaders of tomorrow. Each Rotary Club in the three districts may sponsor a delegate to the sessions. Many do not, which is why the Rotary Club of Sarasota usually sends multiple delegates, as it did this year. Every year, more than 150 delegates attend.

One of the most unique features of the S4TL program is that delegates, based on their demonstrated leadership, may be invited back to assume progressively more responsibilities. Ultimate much of the program is driven by delegates who have developed through the experiences gained through their S4TL experiences.

Bob hopes to have not only the six (6) delegates from this year, but some past S4TL delegates as well. This year our club sent

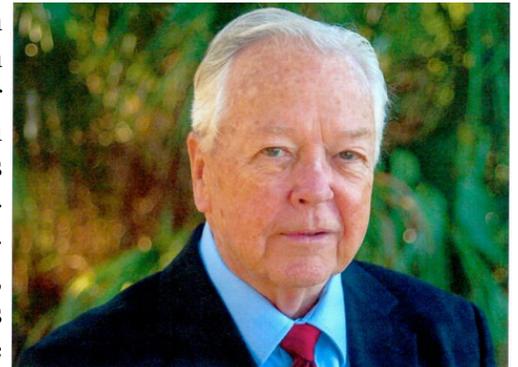
- **Conor Rutherford**
- **Vanessa Tase Sueiro**
- **Fatima Demlak**
- **Ahmari Barrineau**
- **Olivia Schmelts**
- **Alexis Fre**

The delegates will speak briefly about their experiences at the week long seminar. and field questions from the audience.



PREVIOUS MEETING (08/21/2019) BY RON RAYEVICH

It was a real privilege to have Bob Parkinson, weekly columnist in the Sarasota Herald Tribune, as our speaker. Bob has written 14 books and is a well known consultant and coach to business, industry and government. He holds a PhD from Syracuse University and has written, produced and hosted television programs for CBS and NBC. His topic was the "Lighter Side of Our Language" and he shared with us the many mistakes that are made in what we say, what we write, and what body language we use that leads to confusion in our daily lives. Bob suggested that in our written correspondence we first write the text of our message, then the title, and finally, the names or email addresses of those to whom we are writing, rather than the other way around. He shared a number of clever stories on how easy it is to totally change the meaning of a sentence when we miss a single word or punctuate improperly. As a consultant, Bob has seen signs, memos, letters and other means of correspondence that creates confusion among those to whom they were directed. Thanks, Bob, for sharing these humorous stories with us. We look forward to your column each week.



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