

# ROTARY CLUB of SARASOTA



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## 2019 UPCOMING CLUB SOCIALS

### Champagne Dance Party!

Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> from 6-10 PM Music from the 60's, 70's and 80's at the Classic Car Museum. \$25 fee includes bubbly and light appetizers from 6-7, with live music and cash bar from 7-10.



*This Event is Open to the Public*

### RCS Oktoberfest Under the Stars!

Saturday, October 19

6 pm



*Everyone's Bavarian at Oktoberfest!* A special event at the home of **Howard Rooks**, with favorites that include German sausages, pretzels, sauerkraut, potato salad, chicken skewers and strudel! Oh, and of course, great beer and wine!

Thanksgiving Bash Pot Luck Dinner! *Over the river and through the woods.....you know the rest!!* Get your trusty recipe box out and choose a great side dish you'd like to share! Heck, we'll try anything! We'll be at the home of Bill and Debbie Jodham. Your Social Committee will provide turkey and ham, so bring a dish to share and beverage of your choice!! **Friday, November 22 at 6 PM.**



### RCS 2019 Holiday Party

**6 PM Saturday, December 7**

Sara Bay Country Club will host us for our annual Holiday Party! This is a member/guest free event that will include hors d'oeuvres and drinks from 6-7, followed by a lovely sit-down dinner with 3 dinner choices. Plenty of music and dancing and our RCS Singers will lead us in tunes to get us in the Holiday spirit! Plan on fabulous raffles as well as a surprise or two! Each person receives a complimentary drink followed by a friendly cash bar.



PROGRAM COMMITTEE CHAIR - BOB GAGLIO

October Program Coordinator — Maarten Meckman

October 9 - Dr. Jennifer Trent - Dermatology

October 16 - Jennifer O. Rominiecki - Selby Gardens

October 23 - Richard Russell - Sarasota Opera

October 30 - Meg Gilbert - Fla. Studio Theater' Suffragist Project



## THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM



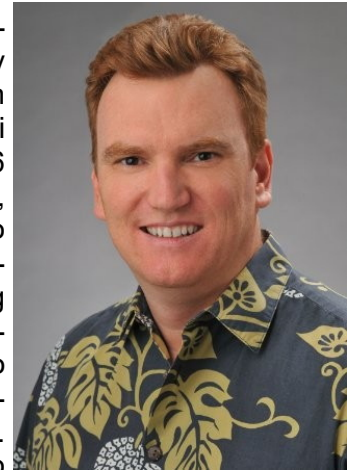
**Margaret Good** currently serves as Florida State Representative for District 72, is a Deputy Democratic Leader and a Ranking member of Health Market Reform Subcommittee. She also sits on the Oversight, Transparency and Public Management Subcommittee, Public Integrity and Ethics Committee, and the Joint Committee on Public Counsel Oversight.

Margaret began her career working for non-profits, before enrolling in the University of Florida Levin College of Law. After graduating with her law degree, she, her husband Richard, and their dog Barney moved to Sarasota, where she practices law at Matthews Eastmore. Margaret quickly engaged in community work, joining the board of directors of the Sarasota County Bar Association and the board of the Manasota Track Club.

Since taking office, Margaret's priorities focus on solutions for Florida land conservation and water quality standards, specifically stormwater. Fully funding public education to make sure every student has access to all educational resources instead of vouchers for privately-funded schools is another priority. Margaret remains committed to common sense gun laws like universal background checks, in addition to continuing mental health funding and programming for all students. The fight for affordable healthcare for every Floridian, which includes Medicaid expansion, also remains a top priority for Margaret.

### PREVIOUS MEETING (09/25/2019) BY RON RAYEVICH

I always find it enjoyable to learn about the background of our club members, especially our newer members. **Garrett Grace** grew up in Ireland and traveled extensively with his family to Africa, Saudi Arabia and Australia until he finished high school when he joined the Royal Australian Navy. Following military service he moved to Hawaii where he attended college and spent his career in commercial banking for the next 26 years. He concluded his days in Hawaii as president of the Rotary Club of Honolulu, founded in 1915. **Garrett** selected the Rotary Club of Sarasota following his move to Florida and is active in helping the club focus on providing transitional housing. He discussed how other clubs in Houston and California were addressing this critical housing issue. **Garrett** also encouraged us to seriously consider attending the Rotary International convention being held in Honolulu from June 6 to 10, 2020. He encouraged us to make our hotel reservations early (now) as hotel rooms will be tight in the city. Currently, **Garrett** is active in real estate with Coldwell Banker in Lakewood Ranch. Thanks, **Garrett**, for sharing your background, career and ideas with us. It's good to have you as an active member of our club..



## NEXT YEAR'S CONVENTION WILL BE IN HONOLULU, HAWAII!

Wouldn't it be wonderful if a number of members could attend and take some tours before and/or after guided by or with the advice of our own Garret Grace, past president of the Rotary Club of Honolulu?

*JRH says it is not too early to make plans, and you should believe him. More than likely it would be an unforgettable experience.*

Diamond Head—O'ahu



Volcano National Park—Hawaii



## 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 grade 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 WISH TO.**