

ROTARY CLUB of SARASOTA



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PROPOSED NEW MEMBER

Name

Ruth McLaren

Classification

Community Banker, Retired

Proposed by

Jeff Meyer

If no written objections are submitted to the Board of Directors by the end of the work day Nov. 11, Ruth will be invited to our club's Rotary Information Meeting.



ROTARY READING PROJECT

Rotarians passing out teacher-selected books to 1—4 grade students in a program to help students achieve grade level reading.



November 19 @ 6:30pm at Home of Carolyn Van Helden & Dick Rehmeyer, 1905 Alta Vista Street Program, Swaziland, Young Heroes Foundation; Presenter: Ellen Palmer Marsey

Thanksgiving Pot Luck Dinner! 6 pm Friday, November 22. Jotham's Castle 5208 97th Street East, Bradenton (Rosedale).

RCS 2019 Holiday Party 6 PM Saturday, December 7 Sara Bay Country Club

Salvation Army Bell Ringing Dec 14 11 am-7 pm Walmart Neighborhood Market Bee Ridge and Beneva

PROGRAM COMMITTEE CHAIR - BOB GAGLIO

November Program Coordinator
Dr. Dick Rehmeyer

November 13 - Our own Par Reid - Addiction

November 20 - Dr. Dan Case - Stroke

November 27 - Dr. Sean Dingle - Hips and Knees



THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM



David Verinder, CEO, Sarasota Memorial Health Care System. In 2014, the Sarasota County Public Hospital Board appointed David Verinder president and CEO of Sarasota Memorial Health Care System. He first joined Sarasota Memorial in 2006 as chief financial officer. As CFO, and continuing in his role as CEO, he successfully instituted significant financial and operational improvements, focusing on strategic growth opportunities, disciplined expense controls, and improved financial results.

David earned an MBA from Auburn University and a Bachelor's degree from Louisiana State University. During his tenure, David has overseen the development and successful launch of new medical services and facilities to improve the community's access to high-quality health care. In 2015, Sarasota Memorial opened Sarasota County's only Level II Trauma Center. In 2017, the health system began an internal medicine residency program with Florida State University's College of Medicine to help address local physician shortages.

Last year, the organization received permission from the state to establish a new hospital in Venice. The new medical campus will be the most significant expansion in Sarasota Memorial's 93-year history. The health system also is embarking on plans to develop a comprehensive cancer program that will include a new inpatient and surgical oncology tower on the hospital's main campus and an outpatient radiation treatment center on University Parkway.

In the last several years, Sarasota Memorial has repeatedly earned national recognition for its high-quality care. The health system is one of only 58 hospitals nationally and the only hospital in Florida to earn the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid's highest five-star rating for quality four consecutive times. Sarasota Memorial also earned the top "A" grade designation from The Leapfrog Group, an independent hospital watchdog organization.

PREVIOUS MEETING (10/30/2019) BY RON RAYEVICH



In August, 2020 we will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19 Amendment to the US Constitution, which reads: "The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex." **The Florida Studio Theatre Suffragist Project** is an effort, supported by 50 local partner organizations, to bring the struggle to enact this amendment to life. **Meg Gilbert**, assisted by **Ariel Blue** and **Carolyn Michel**, introduced our club to real life moments of the suffrage movement, beginning with Abigail Adams' (as portrayed by **Carolyn Michel**) letter to John Adams during the Constitutional Convention of 1787. In 1848 the first woman's rights conference was held at Seneca Falls, NY, organized by Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott to discuss abolition and woman's rights. **Ariel Blue** presented the words of Sojourner Truth during this period regarding

both slavery and woman's rights. FST will commission four playwrights to create four brand new plays featuring the struggle for women to vote. In the summer of 2020, *Dangerous Ladies*, an original docudrama will be performed at FST from historical moments and letters during the period prior to the enactment of the 19 Amendment. Thanks to **Meg, Ariel, and Carolyn** for taking us back to a period before there was woman's suffrage and giving our club a sample of this fascinating period of our history.



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.