

ROTARY CLUB of SARASOTA



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FIRST MONDAY

in January will be at fellow Rotarian Karen Atwood's Mellow Mushroom on Monday, January 6, 2020 at 5:30 PM. There will be complimentary appetizers and pizza, and of course, a friendly cash bar with great drink specials. Mellow Mushroom is located at 6727 S. Tamiami Trail.



*HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL, AND
TO ALL, A SUCCESSFUL NEW YEAR!*

PROGRAM COMMITTEE CHAIR - BOB GAGLIO

December Program Coordinator
Lee En Chung

December 25 - January 1 No Meeting

January Program Coordinator
Jim Henry



THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

DOLPHIN TOWERS' UNEXPECTED DEATH AND RESURRECTION



Dolphin Towers, on Palm Avenue, died in June, 2010, while a member of our club, **Charlotte Ryan**, was president of the board of directors. Its orthopedic replacement, originally estimated to take about six months, took over five years because it also required basic organ transplants.

David Karins, PE, is going to tell the club more about its successful major organ transplants and resurrection.

David received his degree in Civil Engineering from Florida State University, and started Karins Engineering Group in 1999. The firm has grown over the years. "We are growing because of the effort we put into providing high quality service to our customers," David says.

His company has been recognized as a **GrowFL's Companies to**

Watch is important objective confirmation of Karins' appraisal of the firm's performance. "It validates our overall philosophy of providing high quality service while still being true to core values of working for the benefit of our customers, employees and general public to enhance our environment."



PREVIOUS MEETING (12/04/2019) BY RON RAYEVICH



Thanks, **Lee-En**, for arranging a substitute speaker when Angie Woodruff of JetBlue Airways had to cancel. I have always found film making to be exciting, and independent film producer, **Michael Brown of Digital Caviar**, guided us through the complex world of financing films being made in the Tampa Bay area. **Michael** was very upbeat regarding the future of film making in this area and discussed the benefits for the Florida counties, which have incentives (the state does not). As film crews increase in size (typically 25-30 individuals) and local resources and material are used, there are substantial financial benefits to the areas where films are being shot. **Michael** guided us through a budget for a \$3.2 million film and how the funds are raised through Limited Liability Corporations, combining both debt and equity. As the demand for more and more content is required to satisfy the demands of digital steaming for the Netflix of the world, the Tampa Bay area seems like a natural. With Ringling College of Art and Design being here and with the extensive Sarasota Film Festival exhibiting independent films, Sarasota is particularly well positioned to take advantage of this trend.

CRUISE HAWAII WITH OTHER ROTARIANS

Some members have already signed up with Rotarian Steve Briggs' agency — VIP World Travel.

Phone 941-377-0017

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

Saturday, June 6 through Wednesday, June 10. Consider attending and taking 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.