

# ROTARY CLUB of SARASOTA



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CLUB NUMBER 4339

DISTRICT 6960

ZONE 34

PRESIDENT – JEFF MEYER

Classification: Vice President, Investments

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## Coming Attractions

First Monday Social February 3  
Classico 5:30 p.m.

Rotary Night @ The Circus  
February 7, 2020  
Sign up with Lee-En or Maarten



## PROPOSED NEW MEMBER

Name	Classification	Proposed by
Roxanne Joffe	Branding	Jim Henry

If no written objections are submitted to the Board of Directors by the end of the work day Jan. 29, Roxanne will be invited to our club's next Rotary Information Meeting.

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Total Number of Dues-Paying Members 103  
*Dr. Len Apfelbach has returned permanently to Wisconsin.*  
*The club's next Rotary Information Meeting will be February 11. Contact Andrea for details.*



**RCS 2020**  
**Valentine's Day Party!**  
6 PM Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>  
Don and Linda Bruns  
37 Sunset Drive

What a Great Opportunity to Introduce Rotary to Potential Members!  
Please Bring a Dish to Pass and Beverage of Your Choice. Your RCS Social Committee Will Provide Chocolates and Wine Friendly Desserts.



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Strengthening Nonprofits Through the 2020 Giving Challenge

**NOON APRIL 28 to  
NOON APRIL 29**

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**THE PATTERSON FOUNDATION will match all unique donor contributions \$1 for \$1, up to \$100.**

A **unique donor** is defined as any individual or organization that makes a donation by credit card on-line during the prescribed time period. For example, if Jean and I go online and each makes a \$100 contribution, THE PATTERSON FOUNDATION will match each one.

**PROGRAM COMMITTEE CHAIR  
BOB GAGLIO**

January Program Coordinator  
**Jim Henry**

January 29 Jeff Meyer Club Assembly

February Program Coordinator  
**Bob Stone**

February 5 - Jim Dooley Everglades & the Water Situation



## THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

### PAUL GROVE, President WEDU



Paul became President and CEO of WEDU PBS in June, 2019. He is joining WEDU from WTCI PBS in Chattanooga, where he served as President and CEO for thirteen years with more than 25 years in the television business. WEDU is recognized as one of the top PBS stations nationwide – for its content, reach, and overall excellence.

Prior to taking the CEO role in Chattanooga, he served as vice president of national programming and production at WEDU, helping launch the long-time Emmy-winning series “A Gulf Coast Journal.” He was at the station for twelve years.

With more than 25 years in the business As CEO of WTCI, Grove was the youngest chair elected to the Tennessee Public Television Council. Under Grove’s leadership, WTCI worked with other PBS stations in the state to pilot a project providing secure communications for first responders during emergencies – developing what will be the first statewide “datacasting” system in the country. Grove’s team at WTCI also collaborated with state education departments to become one of the first stations in the country to populate the digital education platform that became [PBSLearningMedia.org](http://PBSLearningMedia.org).

WEDU is committed to serving the needs of the area’s expanding communities – with both in-depth local content as well as national PBS programs – it is how we remain an essential partner to individuals and families, whether they are new to the region or have lived here for years.

Paul received his undergraduate degree from the University of Florida, and has four sons, including two in high school.

### PREVIOUS MEETING (1/15/2020) BY RON RAYEVICH

I have always wondered why the District Governors-Elect stop in Sarasota on their way to the annual orientation assembly in San Diego. It goes back to 1975 when the orientation assembly was held in Boca Raton and they have been coming back to enjoy our hospitality ever since. This year we had six DGEs join us for lunch and give us a little background of where they are from, their careers and a little about their individual clubs and districts. All six DGE were joined by their spouses and were from five different countries. DGE Ine Barlie Gundersen and Ove are from Norway and were hosted by **Paul and Kathleen Mlotok**. Also from Norway are DGE Terje Gaarden and Sissel hosted by **Klaus and Barbara Lang**. **Lois Schaper** was the host for DGE Anita Haggeblom and Ingvar from Finland, and joining us from Australia were DGE David Jones and Lynette with **Bill and Debbie Jotham** as hosts. **Pam Akins** was the host for DGE Mark Yaxley and Stelia from New Zealand and DGE Dietmar Brauer and Ute were hosted by Past Canadian District Governors Roger and Joan Hayward, who spend winter months here in Sarasota. Thanks to all the DGEs for their past and future service to Rotary International where they will become part of the 540 District Governors serving Rotary around the world. Each of us can host a DGE in 2021 - just volunteer next fall.



### THE 2020 CONVENTION IS 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.*

### CRUISE HAWAII WITH OTHER ROTARIANS

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

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