

ROTARY CLUB of SARASOTA



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PRESIDENT – JEFF MEYER

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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



END POLIO NOW

This image will appear on the side panel of the Sun-Coast Blood Bank's Bloodmobile. It will be a traveling billboard that ventures to Lakewood Ranch, Parrish, Sarasota, Longboat Key, Siesta Key, Bradenton, Venice, Englewood, and North Port.



RCS 2020

Valentine's Day Party!

6 PM Saturday, February 8th
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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Is the Rotary theme for Laura's year of service. It is a timely reminder that we can step through the door of opportunity and fund the Rotary House, which will continually open the door of opportunity for others.

All we have to do is step through the door.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE CHAIR
BOB GAGLIO

February Program Coordinator
Bob Stone

- February 5 - Jim Dooley Everglades & the Water Situation
- February 12 - Scouts
- February 19 - Donna Leigh-Estes The ABA Academy
- February 26 - Stu Gilfillen US Sailing



Rotary Helping Australian Clubs

International bushfire donors to RAWCS can donate by credit card through this link,

<https://rawcs.org.au>

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PEOPLE OF ACTION

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

CLUB ASSEMBLY

PRESIDENT JEFF WILL PRESIDE OVER A CLUB ASSEMBLY, AND ONE OF THE MAJOR TOPICS WILL BE:



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ROTARY HOUSE

PREVIOUS MEETING (1/22/2020) BY RON RAYEVICH

While my grandchildren may watch more hours of Public Television than I do, it was a pleasure to have **Paul Grove, President and CEO of WEDU** explain exactly how PBS TV operates in West Central Florida. **Paul** was joined by **Larry Winegar**, who serves as the **Philanthropy Officer for WEDU** located here in Sarasota. **WEDU** and its five affiliated stations serve a 16 county area with a population of 5 million out of their studios and offices in Tampa. Since returning to WEDU after 20 years at WTCI in Chattanooga, Paul has been focused on building local programming, with more programs such as *"This Week in Florida"*, *"Suncoast Business Forum"*, and *Up Close with Cathy Unruh* to "educate, engage and inspire" the viewers of public television in the Tampa Bay area. **PBS through WEDU** provides its six station programming free to all cable networks. With an annual budget of nearly \$11 million of which \$600,000 is paid to PBS for national programming, WEDU raises over half of its budget through individual gifts and another 13% through corporate gifts. In the future its focus will not only be on local programming, but also on different platforms beyond the television screen, such as the iPad and cell phone. Thanks, **Paul and Larry**, for a great update on public television in the Tampa Bay area.



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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