

ROTARY CLUB of SARASOTA



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FUTURE ZOOMS

In addition to our Wednesday meeting.

Saturday Morning

Time: 9:00am -10:30am

Drop ins and outs are welcome

[https://us02web.zoom.us/
j/803271116](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/803271116)

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Dining for Women
Changing the World One Dinner at a Time

Tuesday May 19 from 6:45pm to 7:30pm

If you'd like to be included please email Jim Marsey's wife, **Ellen**, who will be the Zoom host, at

epmarsey99@gmail.com

notifying her you will attend and what email address you want to use.

Prior to May 19 Ellen will send each attendee an email that contains a link to the zoom meeting. All you have to do is click on the link, and at 6:45 you will be admitted to the meeting. You do not have to have the Zoom app on your computer or phone.

Rotary Club of Sarasota Lunch Meeting

Noon Wednesdays

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85074954959?
pwd=YWFza0djMct6NGJ0eUZPR0hmZjE2Zz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85074954959?pwd=YWFza0djMct6NGJ0eUZPR0hmZjE2Zz09)

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I am looking forward to the day where I don't need to say this but for now I hope all of you and your loved ones are continuing to stay healthy and safe!

This note is once again an attempt to keep everyone informed on what is happening within our Club. At the time of this writing there is no official word from Marina Jack as to when they will be fully opening. When I hear something I will promptly let everyone know as I know we are all looking forward to getting back together.

The Club Board of Directors met via Zoom Monday evening and a few things came out of that meeting. First, our Installation Dinner this year will be on Saturday, June 27th assuming Coronavirus doesn't require a change. This year's dinner will be held at the Sarasota Yacht Club. I think we can all look forward to this banquet to celebrate reuniting after a long separation, awarding the outstanding contributions of some of our club members, and installing Laura Randall and our 2020-2021 Board. A motion was made and the Board voted in favor of guests paying \$50 for the Installation Dinner this year. Rotarians will not be charged for their dinner and there will be a cash bar. We hope everyone understands this decision.

We also discussed not charging dues for members who wish to take a Leave of Absence. No motion was made thus LOA participants will continue to be required to pay dues while on a leave. The Board approved the resignations of Brock Peoples, Eric Christiansen and John Coleman. It also approved Leave of Absences for Robert Gaglio and Bob Stone. I want to thank Pam Akins and Laura Randall once again for the incredible work they did with the Club Constitution and Bylaws. These 2 documents have been sent to everyone for review, and there will be an entire member vote on each separately at the next in-person Club meeting.

I hope this goes without saying but if anyone has any questions or needs anything, please reach out to me directly by phone at 847-917-8731 or email at jmeyer@upstreamip.com.

Jeff





GIVING CHALLENGE 2020

\$8,265 from 80 Donors.

If all donations check out and with The Patterson Foundation's match, the Club Foundation (RCSF) will receive a check for approximately \$14,500 around July 1, 2020. (In the previous 2018 Giving Challenge, the RCSF received \$6,575 from donors. With The Patterson Foundation's match, the total came to \$12,900.)

Two donors missed the match time. They donated \$600 directly to the Club Foundation through Network for Good and are included in the statistics.

Some interesting facts and statistics:

- 42% of the donors were not club members.
- 2 donors chose to remain anonymous.
- 91% of the donors paid the credit card and processing fees.
- Total credit card and processing fees—\$393.98.
- Credit card and processing fees paid by donors—\$373.98.
- Credit card and processing fees deducted from donations—\$20
- 6.5% of the donors donated more than \$100.
- 22.5% of the donors donated less than \$100.
- If all donations clear, The Patterson Foundation's match will be approximately \$6,800.



PREVIOUS VIRTUAL MEETING

(APRIL 29)

BY RON RAYEVICH

We had 38 attendees at the virtual meeting. Unfortunately, our scheduled speaker had technical difficulties and while trying very hard was ultimately unable to join us. **President Jeff Meyer** was able to fill in for the first 15 minutes or so updating the club on activities planned. Our annual installation banquet is still on for late June at the Sarasota Yacht Club. It was agreed that this year club members would be free as always, but spouses and/or guests would be \$50.00 each. This would also be true for the Holiday Party.

Please remember to mail in your second quarter dues, which were billed to you on April 1. It is anticipated that we will be able to meet at Marina Jack for regular meetings (*non-virtual meetings*) later in May. The exact date will be published as soon as Marina Jack is reopened. Those who are anxious about attending in person will be able to attend virtually (*via their home computer.*) **President-Elect Laura Randall** had several additional comments and yours truly offered to discuss the interesting book "Hidden Valley Road", but there was only limited interest.

Dr. Dick Rehmeier, currently on the Sarasota Memorial Hospital Board, gave us an excellent update on how COVID 19 is impacting the hospital (lots of empty beds and substantial negative financial results) while waiting for patients suffering from the virus. Overall, the meeting was a success. Please join us all next Wednesday. You get to see your face on the computer screen, which doesn't so good in bad lighting. Stay Safe and remember, Service Above Self.



CORONAVIRUS RATE IN SARASOTA COUNTY

According to Johns Hopkins Systems for Science and Engineering, Sarasota County has a coronavirus rate of 84 cases for every 100,000 residents. Put another way, I suspect that means that 99,916 out of 100,000 residents are not likely to have the coronavirus. Discounting those who have it but are symptom free, or have had it and didn't know it, logic still says that well over 95,000 per 100,000 residents do not have the coronavirus and are not likely to spread it.

So let's get sensible about this. By all means physically distance yourselves when out and about, and without a doubt practice good hygiene, which everyone should be doing at all times anyway.