



The SMILE

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ROTARY CLUB OF SARASOTA

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The Four Way Test of Things we Think, Say or Do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Upcoming speaker

July 29.....Heather Kasten, President & CEO, Greater Sarasota Chamber of Commerce

This week's speaker

Les McCurdy, McCurdy's Comedy Theatre and Humor Institute



Les McCurdy was in his 30s when he began chasing a career in comedy.

He was soon headlining around the country, but in 1988, he and his wife Pam, an FSU/Asolo Conservatory grad, decided to start a club in Sarasota. They started out in a hotel banquet room, then moved to an old theater on the North Trail. Later, they made the leap into a spacious downtown building that includes a bar and kitchen. An "A" club with a national reputation, McCurdy's now presents more than 400 shows a year, from charity events to big-name comics. The ever-enthusiastic McCurdy says he's "excited that in his 60s, when many people are slowing down," he's in full creative mode, planning new projects from corporate seminars to an Internet comedy channel.

July 15th Meeting Recap

By Ron Rayevich

It's always a good time when one of our own members shares both their career insights, art collection and especially some unique insights that only those in a particular career have.

Don Bruns, author, musician, art collector and all around "good guy" did just that. Some 44 club members participated in the roving Zoom held at Don's condo where we got to see artistic impressions by actor James Cagney, musical artist Janis Joplin, actor Charles Bronson and others.

Don then took us out to his terrace overlooking Sarasota Bay for a lengthy explanation as to why so many talented authors (all in one person) died on May 19, 1930, when Ed Stratmeyer passed away. An author with numerous pen names produced volume after volume of books which many of us and our parents read during the first half of the 20th century and in the case of Don was an inspiration for his series of New Orleans mystery novels. Thanks, Don, for sharing your home, art, and inspiration with us.

In Search Of a creative Editor for the SMILE! Contact President Laura to let her know of your interest in filling this important communications role for our Club.

Club Members Care Campaign

While our Club is not meeting in person, members are welcome to donate the normal cost of their lunch to the Club to offset operating expense. Please send payment to The Rotary Club of Sarasota • P.O. Box 2766 • Sarasota, FL 34230 or via Venmo @sarasota_rotary



Emergency Communications Plan - Lee-En Chung, Chair

In the event of an emergency, the Rotary Club of Sarasota will be implementing a new Emergency Communications Plan to check in with ALL members to make sure you are safe. Please complete this **Emergency Communications survey** by Monday, July 27, 2020, which is not for public viewing, so we know how to reach you. Also, when you are traveling out of state, please notify Laura Randall or Lee-En Chung and designate the time period of being out of town.

Join us for a virtual social!

We are bringing in a guest bartender to teach us how to concoct the drink of the season "The Ro-tini" and Chef Judy VanHouten will demo preparation of some of her crowd-pleasing appetizers. Festivities will start via Zoom at 5:30 pm on July 27th. Keep an eye on this space next week for a list of ingredients so you can shake and bake along with the experts. Click [here](#) to join us on 7/27.

What's next?

Where in the world is our speaker?

Out of an abundance of caution for our members and our community, we will continue to meet virtually via Zoom for the foreseeable future. Our team will be hitting the road to meet our speakers in their space. Zoom in this Wednesday and find out where **Les McCurdy** will take us!

Click [here](#) for the permanent lunch time link. The meeting ID is 850 7495 4959.

Celebrating a birthday this week:

Harold Wilen - July 20

Laura Plum - July 23

Mark Lawrie - July 27

Infinite Possibilities - Women in Rotary

District 6960 is excited to present INFINITE POSSIBILITIES: Women In Rotary!

This Four-Part Membership Series offers you the unique opportunity to hear from some of the most dynamic speakers in Rotary. The topics focus on Rotary history, celebrations, challenges, vision, encouragement, and enthusiasm!

The first webinar in the series will feature Sylvia Whitlock, the first female Rotary Club President, and will be hosted by Rotary International Vice President Johrita Solari and RI Director Valarie Wafer.

[Register](#) NOW for Infinite Possibilities - Sylvia Whitlock, 1:00 pm EDT July 31, 2020



Fellowship on the Links!

Rotary Golf continues, twice weekly - 3 pm Wednesdays and Saturday (weather permitting). Play nine socially-distant holes at Bent Tree Country Club with other Rotarians. To play, text Roy Adams at 812-369-6963 e-mail to Rdjwadams@aol.com

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