

Rotary



Rotary Opens Opportunities

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December 16, 2020

ROTARY CLUB OF SARASOTA

CHARTERED APRIL 12, 1926
CLUB NUMBER 4339
DISTRICT 6960
ZONE 34
PRESIDENT – LAURA RANDALL

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 speakers

Dec 23.....Virtual Social "Lunch"
Dec 30.....NO Meeting - Happy New Year!
Jan 6.....Jim Henry.....Oct 1.....Richard Russell,
Sarasota Opera

CLUB ASSEMBLY

Laura Randall, President
Rotary Club of Sarasota

As hard as it is to believe, the Rotary year is nearly half over and it is time to start looking forward to next year. During Wednesday's meeting, we have our annual Club Assembly during which we will

- Review the progress of our strategic planning process
- Discuss where we are against the goals we set for the year
- Hear reports from Committee Chairs
- Elect the directors and officers who will lead our Club for the next few years

President Elect Lee-En Chung has set forth the following priorities for the 2021-22 Rotary year. I believe we should elect a Board to support these goals:

- Plan ways to plant trees in Sarasota
- Create service projects that emphasize our role as a club committed to education
- Fundraising

Please review the slate of candidates listed below and consider their fitness to hold the office and support these goals. If you have a candidate who you wish to have elected as a Director or an officer, please notify me and I will add them to the list of proposed candidates. This year we will vote for each candidate individually so every member can be considered. I look forward to a lively and informative meeting this week!

2021-2022 Slate of Candidates

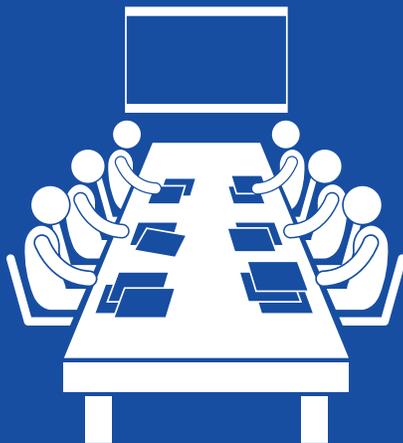


VOTE

Thank you to the nominating committee, Chairman David Bowman, Joe Devore, Jeff Meyer, Lee-En Chung, and Dan Smith, for creating this slate of candidates to lead our Club next year.

- **Pam Akins - Secretary**
- **Tony Swart - Sergeant-at-Arms**
- **Jay Riggs - Vice President**
- **Francine DiFilippo - Director**
- **Lois Schaper - Director**
- **Lou Schwartz - Director**

Each Club member will be able to vote for the 3 open officer positions and for Directors to fill four open positions. We will accept nominations from the floor on Wednesday. Please plan to join the meeting on Wednesday to vote in this important election.



Club Board Meeting

All Club members are invited and encouraged to attend a meeting of our Club's Board. Join us Monday Dec 14 and learn more about the issues before the Board. The meeting begins at 5:30pm and will be held at The Comfort Inn & Suites Sarasota-Siesta Key, 5690 Honore Ave., Sarasota or via Zoom by clicking here <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86386114045>

12/9 Meeting Recap

by Francine Difilippo

Many more people were in attendance and it was wonderful to see so many people who have been missed. We even had visitors and guests!

Lisa Howard came to us to tell the story of the **Lighthouse Vision Loss Education Center**.

Formerly known as Manasota Lighthouse for the Blind.

www.LighthouseVisionLossEducationCenter.org She started her presentation with a video story about Gigi who, as a client, had doors opened for her as they pushed and prodded her to adapting to her situation to build her confidence to live the best life that she can. She is not totally blind but has limited vision.

The **mission** is to educate and empower those affected by vision loss so they may enjoy happy, healthy and independent lives. They were started 35 years ago (1985). Their programs cover people from 5 years of age to 105! They have 17 employees of which 7 are visually impaired. 52% of their funding comes from The Florida State Department of Education. The rest is from fundraising, grant writing, etc.

Programs are broken down by age teaching adaptive techniques to accomplish everyday tasks for those living with **low vision and blindness**. Low vision is not reparable. Instructors are certified and the nearest other facility with people holding the certification is in Ft. Myers.

6 -13 mostly social & adaptive training and some tutoring if needed.

14 – 22 young adult's social skills, job readiness and college career planning

Mature citizens who may have the onset of vision impairment for various reasons like macular degeneration or an accident. Older people do not learn braille easily, but children take to it readily (sensitivity in their fingertips)

Adjustment to Vision Loss covers safe living, cooking, grooming, lighting and learn how to use technology for independent living.

Mobility classes teach students how to navigate safely, take advantage of transportation and use assistive technology tools and software, magnification tools, screen readers, remote learning has been embraced with Zoom including an app that calls the student before the class begins – who would like to use that for a meeting or to get students to a class? They assist students to learn how to use public resources like SCAT and books on tape. They work on recreation and social interaction opportunities with community support. They have an on-line store called **Peepers Store** available through their web site. The products are available to anyone who wishes to purchase them and offer magnifiers and other low vision tools.

They can be reached at 941-359-1404 and they are located at 7318 North Tamiami Trails 34243.
www.LighthouseVisionLossEducationCenter.org

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ROTARY CLUB OF SARASOTA HOLIDAY FÊTE

PARTY

Wednesday, December 16 at 6:00 PM ET

RCS Social Committee
(315) 719-9800

Marina Jack Blue Sunshine Patio
2 Marina Plaza Sarasota, FL 34236



Dining for Women

Project: The project takes place in Haiti and targets reproductive health education.

When: Tuesday, December 15 at 7-8pm via Zoom.
Jim and Ellen Marsey will be sending you the link in the next week.

Let's get social!

You can now find the Rotary Club of Sarasota on Facebook and Instagram @RotaryClubOfSarasota. We'll post photos and stories so you can share.



Happy Birthday!

Carl Jackson - 12/23

Pam Akins - 12/26

Lou Schwartz - 12/26

Jon Swift - 12/31

Is it fair to all concerned?

As Rotarians we need to be aware of the behavior expected of us. Conducting ourselves in adherence to this code of conduct can help us all act in the Rotary spirit.

ROTARIAN CODE OF CONDUCT

As a Rotarian, I will:

1. Act with integrity and high ethical standards in my personal and professional life
2. Deal fairly with others and treat them and their occupations with respect
3. Use my professional skills through Rotary to mentor young people, help those with special needs, and improve people's quality of life in my community and in the world
4. Avoid behavior that reflects adversely on Rotary or other Rotarians
5. Help maintain a harassment-free environment in Rotary meetings, events, and activities; report any suspected harassment; and help ensure non-retaliation to those individuals that report harassment



2020-2021 Rotary Club Board of Directors

Laura Randall - President
Lee-En Chung - President-Elect
Dan Smith - Vice President
Jeff Meyer - Immediate Past President
Andrea Nierenberg - Secretary
Steve Cork - Treasurer
Drew Adams - Sargent-at-Arms

Directors
Pam Akins
Peg Cork
Zain Hartman
Ruth McLaren
Tom Melville
Paul Mlotok
Steven Stegall