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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?

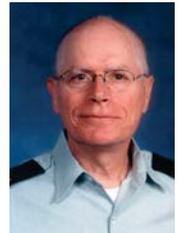


Upcoming speakers October 28th

Feb 2.....Dr. Vicki Radel
Feb 9.....Francine DiFilippo

This week's speaker

Colonel Stephen D. Cork,
U.S. Army (Retired)



Steve Cork enjoyed a successful military career of nearly thirty years. He served in staff and command positions in Germany, Vietnam, Hawaii and several military posts throughout the continental U.S. During the last four years of his career, he led the development of doctrine and tactics, techniques and procedures for joint war fighting for the Army, Air Force, Naval and Marine forces. This assignment resulted in the publication of over fifteen nonfiction manuals that were approved, jointly published and implemented by the U.S. senior military leadership.

Since military retirement, Colonel Cork continued writing nonfiction in Florida for Sarasota County government while working as the General Services Director and the Director of Public Works. He prepared a wide range of policies and procedures for intergovernmental operations. One of his documents, commissioned by the County Administrator, was titled *Libraries of the Future*; a conceptual piece used to guide the continuing evolution of the County library system. After leaving County government, Colonel Cork helped found a military charter high school and served as its first Commandant of Cadets. Among many other duties, this function included preparing the entire set of forty-two policies and procedures for the operation of the Academy. Many of these documents have helped pave the way for other charter school operations within Sarasota County. One in particular is recognized as the gold standard for internal financial operations in charter schools.

While working as the Commandant of the Academy, Colonel Cork penned a fictional short story titled *Take That*, published by a local news magazine, *The Pepper Tree*. He also wrote a novel in 2006 titled *Fat Chance* (aka *Knight Moves*) where he first introduced the character Jenny O'Shane.

Since retiring from active duty in 2011, Colonel Cork became a fulltime author and travels to military bases frequently for readings and booksignings.

He currently resides in Sarasota, Florida with his wife and their two poodles. He enjoys jogging, kayaking, biking, and walking and enjoying sunsets on the beautiful Siesta Key Beach.

We are back at Marina Jack!

Please join us in person each Wednesday for great socially-distant fellowship and impressive speakers. We will continue to present the meeting via zoom. Click [here](#) for the current lunch time link. The meeting ID is 850 7495 4959. The password is 571989



January 6th Meeting Recap

by Francine Difilippo

Richard Russell is the Executive Director of the Sarasota Opera. For our newer members, he is also a former member of our club. He trained as a singer and has worked both the front of the house and the back. His most recent performance on stage was in 2019 and he has worked his way up to his present position.

Richard spoke to us about the setbacks and challenges to surviving as an opera company. Even though the bulk of revenue comes from grants, sponsorships and fundraising efforts, a full third still came from ticket sales. With an electric bill of \$10K per month that still means challenges continue in the need to keep up the building even if there are not performances taking place or with a reduced seating capacity. Although they could seat at full capacity, their patrons would not be comfortable with them doing so.

It is important to maintain the connection they have with their audiences. They have experimented with various things including live streaming, using their archives of past performances, having performers sing on Facebook, etc. They have separate protocols for the patrons/audience, the performers, the musicians, front office, etc. such as weekly testing but others are dictated by their unions. With 250 employees the opera was on a path of expansion but many of those initiatives such as the acquisition of a costume company for rentals have not been able to come to full fruition. The Youth opera was redesigned and presented differently since choral is not possible. They have upgraded their H/VAC systems with better air filtration and even experimented with caps for the wind instruments some of which work while others not quite. They have done performances in the open air at Selby Gardens and toured around for open air performance.

We are lucky in Florida since we are not in mandatory lockdown. Cultural institutions located in NYC or on the west coast are in dire straits and performers are struggling to make decisions about their futures as a result.

Upcoming are 4 short operas for which tickets are currently on sale. I would like to name the operas he mentioned but Richard speaks quicker than my steno skills! You can go to www.sarasotaopera.org if you are interested in getting tickets, supporting the opera, or just want to know more.



MEMBER MUSINGS

Booze by Don Bruns

We are all adults, right? (We all know that Bill Jotham and Steve Cork are questionable.) And I assume there are some of you who are teetotalers, but being around you good folks for a number of years, most of you do imbibe. Nothing wrong with that, but now that we are somewhat confined to our residence or one or two haunts, the consumption of alcohol seems to be increasing. Not necessarily to Rotary members, but world-wide. And vodka and wine are the leaders in the category.



Here's a surprise. A three-liter of Bota Box cab, BOX, costs like \$18.00. While I have no palate, surveys are saying this wine...3 LITERS, is a great cab, and will last for two or three weeks. Not in my house. Tito's hand made (how the hell do you hand make vodka?) is a favorite and you can mix it with any fruit juice, soda or a sour.

If you are Bob Stone, beer is a favorite, and without consulting our resident expert, Pabst, Rolling Rock and Tecate are very tasty and very cheap. ABC delivers. Same day. So, when there's a need, just make the call. I have no interest in any of these companies. Just passing along information to my thirsty Rotarian friends.

Dining for Women by Lois Schaper



Project: The project takes place in Mali. The goal of this program is to educate HIV families, reduce stigma, and increase access to HIV detection and prevention.

When: Tuesday, January 19 from 7-8 pm via Zoom.

Participants: If you did not attend the last Zoom DFW, email Jim Marsey (99marsey@gmail.com) your email address and he will send you the link. Anyone that attended the last DFW meeting, Jim will send you the link.

Now cleaning your closet is do-goodery.

As you clean your closet for the new year, plan to bring your gently used shoes to a Club meeting and give them a second life - helping children in Africa. Collection will begin in early February.

*No Donuts for Rotarians, just good will.



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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.



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



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