

# Rotary



# Rotary Opens Opportunities

## The SMILE

January 20, 2021

### 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

Jan 27.....*Jim Henry - October 23th* Dan Dannheiser,  
Club Strategic Plan  
Feb 2.....Dr. Vicki Radel  
Feb 9.....Francine DiFilippo

### This week's speaker

#### Peter A. Moscovita Retired Businessman and Author



In his formative life living in England, Peter Moscovita enjoyed extensive European travel with his parents. Those summer vacations planted a desire in him to experience new lands beyond the boundaries of Europe.

In 1966, he made that dream a reality, emigrating to the United States as a Design Engineer, working mainly in aerospace and finally in medical instrumentation.

In 1982, Peter married his wife, Martine. The new couple shared many interests, including the love of traveling, sailing, cruising, culinary food groups, reading and world history.

In 1986, Moscovita joined with two fellow engineers to start their own medical instrumentation company. This allowed Peter and Martine the opportunity to continue their love of traveling and experiencing new lands around the world.

In 2010, the decision was made to sell the company for a new life in retirement. After the successful sale, their love of travel now had no boundaries, and in 2011, the couple packed up their boat and headed south for their home in Rhode Island, arriving in Sarasota in November of that year. Since that time, they have continued traveling and enjoying their lifestyle as residents of Lakewood Ranch, Florida.

## 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

Our own Steve Cork demonstrated the dry humor you might not have been privy to before. Steve retired as a Colonel in the Army and told us war stories and anecdotes about his military experiences. He started with airborne training - jumping out of an airplane was his first duty assignment. He jumped and then moved on to staying on the ground. I wish I could relay the quips, asides and comments but alas you will have to ask him about the "pucker factor" yourself. Steve is a published author of many training manuals for the military and elsewhere as well as works of fiction. You will have to ask him the titles!

His favorite tour was an assignment to Hawaii where the whole family relocated including his daughter's horse. It was a lovely billet with a view of Pearl Harbor and the sight and scent of frangipani. He was supposed to be there for 3 years, but it was short lived - he apparently was too good at his job. Steve and everybody in the family: Peggy, the children, their pets including a horse and 3 cars had to be shipped back to the mainland less than a year later for a command promotion/opportunity at Ft. Bliss in El Paso, Texas. One of the highlights of his recollections regarded the invasion of Grenada. He described how poorly the various services communicated with one another during that military mission. This included long-distance collect calls to MacDill A.F.B. in Tampa, relaying instructions back to another military force that was involved. Colin Powell made note of all of it and determined that this would have to change going forward. Powell made those changes when he had the opportunity to do so. Steve worked on the assignment to achieve this goal and worked himself out of his job again.

Steve also spoke about life on a military base. Living on a military base operates pretty much as a small city does with everything you might need on the base from housing, grocery and drugstores, a base newspaper and restaurants. At Ft. Monroe in Virginia, they had a large house that Steve is certain was haunted by waifs and a window rattler (This was before whole house A/C). After retiring he worked for Sarasota County and then joined the Sarasota Military Academy helping to flesh out Dan Kennedy's vision for the charter school. Everyone acknowledges that the college preparatory school has been tremendously successful. Graduating students have secured many appointments for themselves that allowed them to go on to the various military academy schools.



*As a footnote:* Yours truly will be giving my story on Feb 10. Are there any questions you would like to ask? Anything you would like to know? When you get to a certain age, I can say a lot that I might find interesting, but I would prefer to tell you what you would like to know. I have been asking a few people at our meetings and they have made suggestions but want to make sure the "zoomers" have access too! Please email me at difikent@aol.com.

# Let's Get Social!

## MID-WINTER PIZZA-PALOOZA

Kick off those fuzzy quarantine slippers and join us for a night of fun and fellowship at Mellow Mushroom on February 5th at 5:30pm.

The first round of drinks is compliments of Jim Henry and the Pizza is on the club.

*Bring your masks and sense of humor and we'll see you there!*



## Rotary Leadership Training

The long tradition of RLI-style training in our District will continue **January 30** at the Port Charlotte Cultural Center. The District will be offering Parts I, II & III training along with the Public Speaking graduate course.

This is a great chance for you to grow your knowledge and skills and to learn more about Rotary. Everyone who attends leaves more excited about what they can accomplish through Rotary, and be better prepared to lead their club. The more members who attend this training the more we will strengthen our club.

**Of course, our COVID-19 protocols will be observed throughout the event.**

Registration and specific details about the event are available on the District Calendar in DACdb. Please reach out if you need assistance with logging in to that system.

Whether you are interested in participating in Rotary leadership or just want to strengthen your leadership skills, this is a great opportunity to grow.

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# DO-GOODERY

## Kindergarten Readiness Bag Project

by Ruth McLaren

For those of you who volunteered to label *Josh the Otter* books, please plan to deliver the books on Wednesday, Jan 20 before the Club meeting at Marina Jack at 11:30-11:45. If you cannot make that event, please let me know and we will arrange for a pick up in another way. Thanks for all your help and interest!

**Hot off the press are the dates for members to volunteer to assemble the bags. Please click [here](#) to sign up to help on Monday 1/25, Tuesday 1/26 or Wednesday 1/27 from 5:30pm-8:30pm. Click [here](#) to volunteer on Saturday 1/30 from 9:30am-12:30pm or 1:30pm to 4:30pm.**

The link for the web site is [here](#) if you want additional information!

Readiness for kindergarten is a critical foundation for success in school. These include skills for reading readiness such as knowing the letters of the alphabet and understanding we read from left to right and top to bottom, a basic understanding of numbers 1-10, fine motor skills for using a pencil and copying basic shapes, and social and emotional skills such as paying attention for a short period of time and having appropriate responses with others.

The Kindergarten Readiness Bags from the Suncoast Campaign for Grade Level Reading are generously funded by The Patterson Foundation in collaboration with the Sarasota Rotary Club and the Community Foundation of Sarasota County to help develop these needed readiness skills. The bags, which contain learning tools including a book, magnetic letters, flash cards, crayons and information about learning are distributed to rising kindergartners in the spring to help with this readiness. A connection with the families is developed through events which help them understand how to use these tools. This connection makes the transition into schools easier and develops a sense of partnership between families and their schools resulting in children starting school ready to learn.

## Now cleaning your closet is helps children.

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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# SHOE DRIVE 2021

## FEBRUARY 3

TO

## FEBRUARY 17



**Gently Used**

**All Types**

**All Sizes**



There will be a doughnut party for the classroom that collects the most.



**Interact** 



### 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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