



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 speakers for 28th

Feb 3.....Dr. Vicki Radel
 Feb 10.....Francine DiFilippo

Meeting Recap

by Francine DiFilippo

Peter A. Moscovita
 Retired Businessman and Author



Peter A. Moscovita was our guest speaker. He is a retired successful businessman, volunteer and author. He shared his life experiences with us in a freewheeling casual question and answer dialogue with President Laura.

His career path led him from one opportunity to another and he learned from his mistakes along the way. His opportunities were varied and provided him with the insight, along with talented friends, to start his own businesses. His quote was to never walk away but to do it differently the next time. From designing and manufacturing a unique but now common concept for an ear thermometer that was overtaken by venture capitalists to developing ultra-sound equipment. His talents as an engineer were put to good use and the benefit of many.

His parents gave him a love of travel. His most interesting trips as a world traveler were to Egypt and the Valley of the Kings. He was able to enjoy an after-hours private tour of the Cairo Museum. He also went on safaris in Africa to Kenya and the Seychelles where he saw an 18ft crocodile snatch and take down a zebra in a flash. After having their fill both lions and these other types of predators are not particularly interested in more food.

After feeding they tend to ignore you, no matter how close you get to them. Seeing it live was a thrill of a lifetime and is nothing like watching it on a National Geographic show.

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January 20th Meeting Recap (continued)

by Francine Difilippo

His book is entitled "The Following Storm" which is a story of true facts and imagination based on his father's efforts to get his mother and cousin out of Austria and into England as Germany rose to power before the Second World War. Once his father landed in England, he had several choices, he could seek political asylum and be sent to an internment camp, enlist with the Free Austrian Brigade or serve in military intelligence. Because he spoke many languages and dialects he chose to serve as a Military Intelligence Officer (spy) for several years during the war.

He sailed his boat down to Marina Jack and lived aboard for eight or so months before moving to Lakewood Ranch. He was not unfamiliar with the area having owned property in the area for over 35 years. He still loves boating and as President Laura said Peter is truly a renaissance man. He would make a fine member of our club.

February 3rd Speaker Dr. Vicki Radel

Dr. Vicki is a Ph.D. with a Conflict Prevention/Resolution private practice, and a Los Angeles Rotary Past District Governor (the youngest to serve), who is steeped in Peace Activities. In addition to a Ph.D. from the University of Los Angeles, she holds two post graduate certificates. One in "Non-Violence" from the Metta Center, whose founder created the first Rotary "Peace Studies" department at Berkeley, and one from Harvard University in "Religion, Conflict and Peace."

As a guest speaker at International Peace events in Hong Kong, India, Australia, New Zealand, Turkey, Argentina, Brazil, Czechoslovakia, New Zealand, Slovak Republic, China, Japan, Canada she has addressed disparity, unrest and how to achieve Positive Peace in local and global communities. She has also chaperoned 8 separate groups of teens on "World Peace Missions" to Hiroshima. In addition, Dr. Radel is the author of numerous Peace programs and grants; founded "Shoot Cameras NOT Guns" to empower/inspire inner city, at risk youth to become photojournalists; she has convened Anti-Violence Forums at several universities; is involved in abolishing Modern Day Slavery: Human Trafficking; serves as a volunteer teacher of Conflict Prevention/Resolution and Restorative Justice to elementary and middle school youth in poverty neighborhoods.

Dr. Radel holds board positions in community Peace organizations: PeaceNow; Mama Hill's Help; People for Community Improvement; convener of the (Rotary official partner) Mediators Beyond Borders International – Rotary Working Group; serves on the Rotary Club of Redondo Beach Community Foundation. Her accomplishments include: she was chosen "Redondo Beach Woman of the Year" 2019; Rotary's "Champion of Peace" nominee 2018; is Co-Founder (with Mediators Beyond Borders Intl.) of "Peace Conversation Facilitators" program to teach lay people (Rotarians) how to conduct conversations on delicate topics in the community to create Good Will and Better Understanding among those with whom you might disagree. Those sensitive discussions include: Human Trafficking; Immigration; Community Tribalism; Erase Hate and Foster Acceptance in the LBGTQ Community; Homelessness; Forgiveness and several others 2017-19. She was LA County "Humanitarian of the Year" 2014; represented the US at "Global Rights Forum" in Istanbul 2014; "So Bay Woman of the Year" 2001; led a group meditation for "World Peace" on a Program with Dalai Lama and Nelson Mandela in Cape Town, SA Parliament of the World's Religions 1999; participated in a 20 participant "Peace Making" session with his holiness the Dalai Lama; worked with Desmond Tutu and Dalai Lama in separate by invitation only peace-building small groups; on her second trip of escorting teens on Peace Missions to Hiroshima, Japan she decided to learn to speak Japanese as a gesture of reconciliation and friendship.

Dr. Radel identifies a major challenge today as the need to create and maintain civil rapport urging that all voices, whether we agree or not, need be heard to empathetically honor the dignity of ALL CONCERNED because we are "equipped, empowered and sent to sow the seeds of (God's) peace in all our spheres of influence."

**MID-WINTER
PIZZA-PALOOZA**

Let's Get Together!

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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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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