

Rotary



Rotary Opens Opportunities

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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

Mar. 10.....Francine DiFilippo
 Mar. 17.....Dr. Brennan Asplen,
 Superintendent, Sarasota County
 Schools
 Mar. 24.....Beth Duda,
 Patterson Foundation

This Week's Speaker

Kurt Hoffman **Sheriff, Sarasota County**



Sheriff Kurt A. Hoffman is the 11th Sheriff of Sarasota County, serving since 2021. He began his law enforcement career as a deputy with the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office in 1989.

Sheriff Hoffman has served the community for more than three decades as both a prosecutor for the 12th Judicial Circuit, and as the general counsel for the sheriff's office since 2005. During his tenure at the sheriff's office, Hoffman was promoted to Captain, Major, and Colonel.

Sheriff Hoffman has a rich family history of service in both local and state law enforcement as well as the U.S. Military. His middle name is Alan, named after his uncle, Terry Alan Hoffman, a Corporal in the U.S. Marines who was killed in 1968 in South Vietnam. Sheriff Hoffman has a passion for the veteran community, his family, and his hometown. He and his wife Teri reside in Venice.

Sheriff Hoffman obtained his BA in Criminal Justice from St. Leo College, a JD from Nova Southeastern University, a Masters in Criminal Justice from Hodges University and a Graduate Certificate in Criminal Justice Education from the FBI National Academy at the University of Virginia.

Sheriff Hoffman has served as General Counsel, Captain Major, and Colonel/Chief Deputy of the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office before his election to the role of Sheriff.

He has also worked for the Office of the State Attorney and Charlotte County Sheriff's Office.

February 24th Meeting Recap

by Francine Difilippo

Bill started his presentation recounting his early years in Iowa and his college career in Ames, where he graduated with a degree in Architecture. Meeting Debbie and going to her home to meet her folks. She really was the farmer's daughter. His father-in-law tested his mettle before Debbie became his wife. They have lived through challenges and ups and downs producing 2 sons who are both grown up and successful (not calling for money). Their sons have also produced that ever greater measure of success for parents, that of grandchildren. Both boys and girls for Debbie to spoil.



Bill did not enjoy working as an architect. He followed the advice of a co-worker to become a certified licensed engineer. Not only was the work more satisfying, but the pay was also better! He relayed the ins and outs of working with large corporations and the key to his success – solving a problem by recognizing an opportunity. This led to his success as an in-demand licensed engineer in the State of Florida – at one time the only one with experience in hurricane tie downs and straps. He took advantage of opportunities when he recognized them. Debbie's forte with numbers (she was a CPA) and sales skills made the business financially successful. She kept it on sound footing. Although big corporations made acquisitions and divestitures a challenge, they endured with the good-natured sense of humor we know and appreciate Bill & Debbie as having.

Bill started playing golf with our Rotarians and after a few years succumbed to the pressure of comradery and winning on the course. He joined the club to give back some of his winnings. That led to him serving as president when The Oak Park Playground was completed with the help of all the construction members and a few of us who mulched! During this era having fun was a key component of doing good in our community. He participated in the Rotary Singers where they performed mostly at nursing homes before people who could not hear them, but they did have a lot of energy and fun! He relayed his start in the entertainment field as Santa. He has played Santa including for the Boys & Girls Club, with Miss Debbie Claus), several years for The Downtown Sarasota Alliance, and others as his time allows. Something you may not realize was that Bill has donated his fees from the DSA to the club foundation.

He described the training regimen he undertakes to be a realistic Santa. Of course, the beard grows out but so does his girth which requires consuming large amounts of pizza for a few months. Covid has changed much and missing an authentic Santa was a real disappointment for many this year.

Bill recognized many members both still with us and those who have passed that made serving as a Rotarian a pleasure that gives meaning to our lives. Bill & Debbie now split their time between Sarasota and North Carolina these days. He ended his message to us by encouraging all members to serve. Busy is not a reason to avoid service. He was busy building a house and a business while he built the playground and served us so well during his presidency. We are blessed to have Bill as a long serving member of our club.

PROPOSED NEW MEMBER

Name: Nathaniel Buck

Classification: Sales - Hearing Aids and Related Services

Proposed by: Judy VanHouten

If no written objections are submitted to the Board of Directors by the end of the work day March 8, 2021, Nate will be invited to our club's Rotary Information Meeting.

DO-GOODERY

Well done, volunteers!

PEOPLE OF ACTION



Bag packer extraordinaire, Shelly Wilson met some of the young beneficiaries of the KRB Project at Tuttle Elementary School. Thank you, Shelly!



As part of our District hunger relief project to provide food to families in our community, 150 bags of groceries will be assembled and delivered. Thank you to Rotarians for stepping up to help!

Infinite Possibilities: Series 2

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

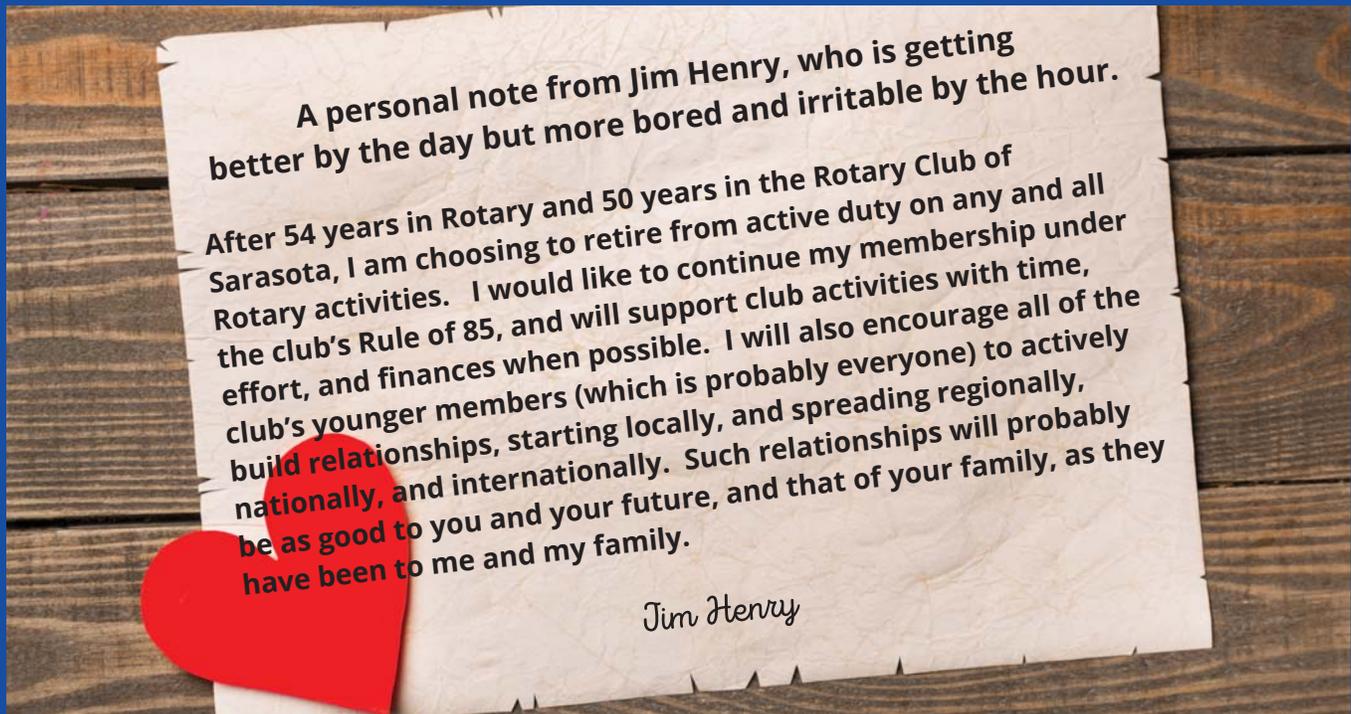
Presented by Rotary District 6960

FABULOUS and ENDEARING are the best descriptions we can offer for our upcoming February 26th Infinite Possibilities Series: Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, featuring Past Rotary International President and World Leader Barry Rassin, along with International Speaker Brian Rusch. "Embracing Our Differences" is the focus of our conversation, as we listen to stories of their personal journeys and life experiences. This conversation will touch your hearts and inspire your spirit to greater service.

This multi-part webinar series offers you the opportunity to hear from very dynamic speakers who will offer vision, encouragement, enthusiasm and motivation to grow your membership. We encourage you to invite not only your fellow Rotarians, but prospective members as well. You can register below for this session, as well as the March and April events. [Members can register through their DACdb account](#) and [Non-Rotarians can register at: \[rizoness33-34.org/infinite-possibilities/\]\(http://rizoness33-34.org/infinite-possibilities/\)](#)

March 26, 2021 at 1:00pm – Investing in Equity, hosted by District 6960 Governor Darryl Keys, with featured speaker Xavier Ramey, fellow Rotarian from Chicago.

April 30, 2021 at 1:00pm – Celebrate Diversity, with special guest speakers Rotary International President Holger Knack, Rotary International Director Peter Kyle and Anna Ekbäck.





As of July 1st two seats will be available on the Rotary Club of Sarasota Foundation Board. If you are interested in applying please email Susan Leavis at sleavis@gmail.com by March 19, 2021. Please include a brief bio if available.

Responsibilities of RCSF and its Board Members

The Rotary Club of Sarasota Foundation, the charitable arm of the Rotary Club of Sarasota, is a registered 501(c)(3). Its mission is to help the Rotary Club of Sarasota build a better community and world through humanitarian, educational, and charitable endeavors. The Rotary Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation that receives contributions and distributes funds in support of approved humanitarian and educational activities that are implemented through Rotary clubs and districts.

Elected Directors serve terms of three years each, commencing on July 1st. Foundation Board Meetings are held quarterly and as a board member attendance is expected. Secretarial and treasurer reports are presented as well as a review, discussion and vote on any proposed projects submitted by the Rotary Club of Sarasota. Meetings last between one and two hours.

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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