

Rotary



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ROTARY CLUB OF SARASOTA

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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. 24.....Beth Duda,
Patterson Foundation
Apr 7.....Club Election,
Pam Akins -The Rotary Foundation
Apr 14.....Toni Duval,
Sister Cities Program

This week's speaker

Dr. Brennan Asplen III, Sarasota County Schools



Dr. Brennan Asplen was selected as the next superintendent of Sarasota County Schools by the School Board on August 10, 2020.

Prior to being named superintendent, he served as Deputy Superintendent for academic and Student Services in the St. Johns County School District.

Before coming to work for Sarasota County Schools, Asplen served in both the Seminole County School District and the St. Johns County School District in various roles including Teacher, Coach, Dean, Assistant Principal, Principal and Associate Superintendent for Human Resources. He holds a doctorate in educational leadership from the University of Central Florida.

He and his wife Mari Ellen have two grown children and is a proud grandfather to grandson Jack.

March 10th Meeting Recap

by Don Bruns

Tinker, Tailor, Soldier Spy. Those four professions may be the only jobs Francine DiFilippo Kent hasn't tried. And maybe she just left those out due to time restrictions. What a life!

From giving sermons in India (where she's visited thirteen times) to being a college lecturer (and athletic director), our own Francine has had a colorful career (careers).

"One thing always leads to another," she says. The lady now appraises art, collectables and what she refers to as 'people's stuff'. "I mean, I was a waitress at Howard Johnson's" she claims. Along with her husband of thirty-five years she was the landlord of a mansion that they turned into apartments. Not all projects were successful. "The mansion was a money pit."

Francine grew up in Cleveland, Ohio, and states that the city is a good place to be from. Launching a number of businesses then spinning them off, she started a mystery shopping company, a furniture manufacturing company, jewelry design, a newspaper and more. She is also largely responsible for our Rotary dictionary project.

- "I try new things," she says, "and I immerse myself in them to see if it's a fit."
- A cancer survivor, she claims that keeping a positive attitude is her goal.
- "Every day. Every day. You've got to keep trying."

Where do you help?

We want to know where our members do good deeds outside our Club. Brag a little and let us know about your do-goodery! Send info to laurarandall813@gmail.com



PROPOSED NEW MEMBER

Name: Anya Keough
Classification: Commercial Banking
Proposed by: Lee-En Chung and Don Bruns

If no written objections are submitted to the Board of Directors by the end of the work day March 19, 2021, Anya will be invited to our club's Rotary Informational Meeting.

TOMORROW



Wearin' of the Green!

Come Join your RCS Friends for a Fun Evening
Celebrating St. Paddy's Day!!

When: Saturday, March 13 at 6 PM

**Where: Joe and Linda Formella's Home
6210 Stillwater Court, University Park, FL**

Presented by your RCS Social Committee



This is an outside BYOB event, and we welcome appetizers or desserts if you'd like to share!

Your Social Committee will Provide a Traditional St. Paddy's Day Menu to include Shepard's Pie, Corned Beef, Cabbage, Carrots and Potatoes and Assorted Breads.

Please help us plan a great party by signing up at Marina Jack's or contacting Judy VanHouten by Wednesday, March 10th.

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: \[rizoness33-34.org/infinite-possibilities/\]\(https://rizoness33-34.org/infinite-possibilities/\)](#)

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.



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.



Name Change for Dining for Women

By Lois Schaper

On March 6, International Women's Day, Dining for Women announced their new name which is TOGETHER WOMEN RISE.



This is effective immediately. TOGETHER is front and center because our community is strong and gathering together in our chapters and working together with our grantees and partners lies at the root of our impact. WOMEN because global gender equality is our guiding star. RISE, because we envision a world where all women and girls around the world can reach their full potential and become powerful agents of change to build a stronger, more sustainable, and peaceful world.

Project: It takes place in Zimbabwe. Marginalized women are trained to make soap and sell it.

When: Tuesday, March 16 from 7-8 pm via Zoom

If you have already attended a Zoom meeting, you will be sent the Zoom link. If you haven't attended, email Jim Marsey at 99marsey@gmail.com and he will send you the link.

This is a great way to do International Service!



Election Alert!

Election of our Club's Officers and Directors will be held at our lunch meeting on March 31st. According to our bylaws, members wishing to vote in the election must be present at the meeting either in person or via Zoom. Watch this space for the proposed slate of candidates

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

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