



## Rise Up Cafe: Empowering the Community through Inclusion and Opportunity

For far too long, individuals with disabilities have been marginalized and overlooked. Enter Rise Up Cafe, located conveniently in the heart of downtown Sarasota, which is committed to creating an inclusive community where everyone has a chance to thrive.

At Rise Up Cafe, they offer specialized job skills training through dedicated classrooms and staff. The goal is to prepare our friends with intellectual and developmental disabilities to work not only in our shop, but also for other local businesses.

They partner with Easterseals and The Haven, two non-profits that share our commitment to enhancing the quality of life for individuals with disabilities.

At Rise Up Cafe, they are all about creating a community that champions inclusion, encourages independence, and advocates for individual rights. We're excited to see what the future holds as they continue to empower our local community.

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### Selby Library Meeting Dates

March	5
March	19



**SARASOTA MEMORIAL**  
HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

**RODICA VASILESCU**  
PHD,APN-C,GNP-BC,TTS  
SMH Community Health Clinic

**Tuesday Noon**  
February 20, 2024  
Selby Library

**Sarasota Memorial's Community Specialty Clinic (CSC) provides specialty medical care and referral services to Sarasota County residents who are uninsured or underinsured, who demonstrate a true financial need, and who are age 18 or older. Learn more!**

**Zoom Meeting ID: 860 6855 4560**  
**Passcode: 908057**

Club of Sarasota Bay  
**Rotary**  
District 6960

## Learn about the SMH Community Specialty Clinic

Rodica Vasilescu is the Managing Director of this clinic. someone you know may need the services offered and now you will have more information about this facility.

President Ann Krause and Barry Levinson represented the club at the Midyear Presidents & President-Elect meeting on January 27th in North Port.





## A Snow Day the Floridian Way



Thank you to the **Rotary Club of Sarasota Bay** for helping to create a **magical snow day experience** for the children at our Helen R. Payne Annex!

Children, staff members, and Rotarians alike had a blast, with some children experiencing snow for the first time.

Sensory play is critical when it comes to the healthy development of infants, toddlers, and young children, as it encourages learning through exploration, curiosity, problem solving, and creativity.



