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Ann Krause President 2023-24

Join us for a special luncheon event!
June 4th at Noon

Rotary Club Officers Installation Luncheon

"The Friendliest Club in the World"

Rotary
Club of Sarasota Bay
District: 6960

Celebrate with us at our new home
100 Central Condominiums
100 Central Ave. Sarasota, FL

Charles Keith
President-Elect

Ann Krause
President

An exhilarating luncheon was held to inaugurate officers and honor deserving club members with special Paul Harris recognitions.

Many thanks to Penny Nurukka for beautifully capturing these memorable moments.

If you couldn't attend the meeting, don't worry! Click below to watch the recording and experience the heartfelt presentations. And if you were present, it's a great way to cherish and relive those memories.



Meeting Dates

June 100 Central	18
July 100 Central	2
July 100 Central	16
July Social TBD	30
August 100 Central	6
August 100 Central	20

Presentation by Tim Rumage

Humanity, the Environment, and Living the 4-Way Test

**Tuesday Noon on Zoom
June 18 2024**

Zoom Meeting ID: 860 6855 4560
Passcode: 908057

Club of Sarasota Bay
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District 6960

Tim Rumage is a planetary ethicist and naturalist. Taking an interdisciplinary and systems thinking approach to education, he has been teaching at the intersection of Science, Ecology, Art, Design and Architecture for more than 30 years. Tim is the Coordinator/Developer of Environmental Studies at Ringling College of Art and Design where he teaches courses on environmental science, sustainability, creating ecological cities, applied environmental design, food, water, biodiversity and environmental ethics. He is also a Coordinator for Sustainability in Design Education for CUMULUS and a frequent lecturer at other colleges and for community organizations. As a trained field biologist, Tim has been involved in a variety of interdisciplinary projects in the US and Africa involving habitat restoration and protection, green infrastructure, local food production and sustainability. Welcome club member Tim Rumage!

Same New Location

June 18, 2024

100 Central Condos
Our New Meeting Home



P.O. Box 755 Sarasota, FL 34230



Club #4340

District 6960

Guest Comments from In-person and Zoom attendees

June 18th Meeting



On Zoom



Merikay Hunt, M.S. • You

Encourager | Transforming Leaders & Teams | CEO COACH
MKay Companies, LLC

1h • 🌐

Rotary Blessing! Coach MKay Tip of the week. Sometimes you have to stretch your comfort zone to create new experiences. I was a Rotarian for one year in Greensboro NC and was thinking about joining again.

I'm traveling on a 10 day bonanza in Florida this week visiting family in Boynton Beach, friends from High School in Cape Coral and more family in Sarasota. One of the benefits of being able to work remote with my executive coaching clients is being able to travel.

I decided to visit a Rotary group today in Sarasota. WOW! They were meeting in a new space, inducting new officers and the president celebrated her last day in leadership. She shared, "our group is vibrant, engaged, purposeful and most of all we are friends."

She lost her sister the day after she was appointed as president and just didn't know if she could fulfill her obligation. Her husband had passed 10 years earlier. Her grief counselor told her she should not take the leadership role. With the encouragement of a past president in the group named Barry, he offered to mentor her and help her every step of the way.

How inspiring this group was and Ann said what she enjoyed most of all about their group is that they were committed "to serve with love." I can see why they truly are the friendliest Rotary group of all time. I'm glad to be visiting family this week and on deck to watch over my 95 year old Uncle while my cousin and her hubby travel later this week. I'm also glad I met some new Rotarian friends today.

Stretch your comfort zone to grow yourself personally and professionally. You got this! [#rotary](#) [#leadership](#) [#blessings](#) [#friendship](#)

From Jon Stafholt – Bay Booster from Minnesota (Zoom visit on June 4th Installation):

"Barry, I am so impressed with the Sarasota Bay Rotary Club!"

From Rev Florence Clark Member of the New London, CT Rotary Club (Zoom visit on June 4th Installation):

I was happy I could join. Wow your club is busy, busy and the presentation on the outgoing president was great. The Zoom experience was great. Congratulations for the recognition you received.

CLUB INSTALLATION

EVERONE COULDN'T FIT IN ONE CAMERA SHOT
NEW MEETING LOCATION AT 100 CENTRAL AVE.



PHOTOS BY: PENNY NURUKKA

NEW MEMBER INSTALLATION

Belinda Rodebaugh

Belinda is our newest member, but is certainly not new to Rotary joining in 2013. Here are just a few of her Rotary credentials. Zone 34 DACdb Administrator 2023-2025, District 6960 RLI Gulf Coast, District 6960 Club Goals Chair 2023-2025, District 6960 DACdb Trainer 2024-2025, District 6960 Environment Ambassador giving our club all three members with Charles, and Tim Ramage.

Welcome Belinda!



CLUB INSTALLATION

Charles Reith sworn in to Office

With club members and wife and club Secretary Penny taking the photos, Area 8 Governor Sue McConnell administers the oath of office to Charles Reith, President 2024-25



CLUB INSTALLATION

Happiness is being a Past President

Guess which one?



ANN KRAUSE

CLUB HONORED PAUL HARRIS FELLOW

Guy Le Patourel

Guy, a committed volunteer who has served as both a member and president of the club, played a crucial role in creating and setting up solar-powered water filtration systems for the Microforests. He selflessly contributed his time and knowledge to successfully finish these initiatives.



CLUB HONORED PAUL HARRIS FELLOW

Leslie Glass

Under Leslie's leadership, the club has launched a campaign to enlighten high school students about the importance of embracing healthy habits to foster holistic development. Her dedication to student well-being is now being recognized by the entire Rotary 6960 District.



CLUB HONORED PAUL HARRIS FELLOW

Janalee Heinemann

After her presidency, Janalee continues to be a cornerstone of the club. Her dedication to the "Bread Buddies" program guarantees that Children First benefits from regular free bread deliveries, supporting children and families. Additionally, she serves as a trusted advisor to the past and present club leadership. She and her husband Al (an Honorary member of the club) can usually be found at all the club activities including Microforests.



CLUB HONORED PAUL HARRIS FELLOW

Larry Wickless

Wickless and ex-club member Lou Solomon interviewed more than 20 nonprofits to pinpoint a high-impact initiative that would aid low-income and minority high school students. Among the options considered, the Riverview I.B. E2 program stood out as the perfect partnership opportunity, having successfully secured full four-year college scholarships for all its students over the last six years.



CLUB HONORED PAUL HARRIS FELLOW

Barb Viola

Barb Viola is a cornerstone of our Rotary Club. Besides her role as a Past President and past recipient of the Club Service Award, Barb plays a crucial part in maintaining our club's reputation as the "Friendliest Club in the World." Currently, she holds the positions of Treasurer and Co-Chair of our International District Governor Elect HomeStay Program.



CLUB HONORED PAUL HARRIS FELLOW

Carol Mitchell

As the Club Community Service Chair, Carol has been proactive in engaging our club in impactful activities. Whether it's organizing events like Snow Day to bring joy to children or facilitating the donation of essential holiday gifts through Amazon, she embodies Rotary's motto of "Service before Self."



CLUB HONORED PAUL HARRIS FELLOW

Charles Reith

Rotary International has adopted the environment as a new Area of Focus. In Sarasota, our local Rotary club, led by Charles Reith, has taken the lead in supporting this cause by establishing nine MicroForests in the region. Charles has played a pivotal role in driving this initiative, collaborating with various Rotary Clubs and organizations. These MicroForests showcase Rotary's dedication to environmental sustainability.



CLUB HONORED PAUL HARRIS FELLOW

Barry Levinson

Ann referred to Barry as the "backbone of the club," recognizing his contributions in managing various tasks behind the scenes. These include producing the Bay Breeze, Club Communications, Webmaster, Zoom meeting operations, and co-chairing the DGE HomeStay Program with Barb. Ann also acknowledged Barry's assistance in ensuring the successful start of her term.

