



7om Edwards shared his insights on the current state of the Sarasota School system and highlighted areas that need attention moving forward, emphasizing that the work is ongoing.

Tom found it challenging to overlook some of the political issues surrounding the Sarasota County School Board.

He has been promoting a message focused on creating a **"Safe, High Achieving, Academic Environment for all Students"**, aiming for broad acceptance. Who doesn't want that? While in the past, School Board members were nonpartisan elected by residents, there is now a noticeable shift towards supporting candidates with political party ties. Tom believes that this shift prioritizes party affiliation over providing the best education possible for the students.

Photo by Penny Nurukka

Watch it Link: [Click Here](#)

| Meeting Dates | | |
|-------------------|--|----|
| May Selby Library | | 21 |
| June 100 Central | | 4 |
| June 100 Central | | 18 |
| July 100 Central | | 2 |
| July 100 Central | | 16 |
| July Social TBD | | 30 |

Riverview International Baccalaureate
 Excellence & Equity (E2)

IN PERSON MEETING
 SELBY LIBRARY



Dr. James Minor
 Director of I.B. Program
 Rotary Club of
 Sarasota Bay Foundation
 INVESTMENT IN THE FUTURE



Dr. Jim Minor will be back to review the accomplishments of the 2024 Riverview IB Grant.

The Rotary Club of Sarasota Bay Foundation has continued to invest is supporting the Riverview IB Program E2 initiative developed by club members Lou Solomon and Dr. Larry Wickless.

Counseling Support

A team of professional guidance counselors, some of whom have retired to Florida, collaborate with students and their families to assist students with the application process. This involves conducting home visits, reviewing college options, and identifying schools that provide comprehensive four-year scholarships. They also engage in negotiations with schools to minimize fees or eliminate them altogether when necessary.

Last Mile Fund

Even with a full four year scholarship some of the high-achieving minority and low-income students need financial help. Providing support such as winter clothing for colleges in cold climates, travel expenses to and from college, and necessary computers not provided by the institution can be the difference between getting to college or not. So far 100% of the students have graduated or are still in college.



June 4, 2024
 100 Central Condos
 Our New Meeting Home





BRIAN MADDOX

Club Past President Brian Maddox officially received his Past President pin from President Ann Krause



PHOTOS BY PENNY NURUKKA

STACY RIDENOUR

Club Past President Suzi Atherton and her husband Buddy headed to North Carolina to deliver Stacy's Paul Harris Ruby pin (PH+7 at Stacy and Rich's new home in Asheville, North Carolina





NexTrex Recycling Challenge

THE CLUB HAS ACCEPTED THE CHALLENGE - START SAVING YOUR PLASTIC BAGS!

How does the challenge work?

- Register on NexTrex.com to obtain access to the Trex Portal
- Determine a 12-month collection time period
- Collect a minimum of 1,000 lbs.
- Report recycling totals at my.trex.com

- Weigh, record and attached picture
- Deliver collected plastic to a participating retailer (see list) for recycling

Store may offer smaller and more frequent amounts in the provided bin. Please contact store ahead of time with larger amounts.

What does Trex provide?

- Up to three recycling bins
- Posters

What can I win?



Trex Bench

What can be recycled?

All plastic must be clean, dry and free of food residue.



Grocery bags



Bread bags



Bubble wrap



Dry cleaning bags



Newspaper sleeves



Ice bags



Plastic shipping envelopes



Ziploc & other reclosable food storage bags



Cereal bags



Case overwrap



Salt bags



Pallet wrap & stretch film



Wood pellet bags



Produce bags

No black plastic garbage bags, the store drop off location needs to know that this is to be recycled and it's not trash.