





Leslie's presentation was so captivating that I completely forgot to record it. The realization hit me when I tried to stop the recording at the end of the meeting and found out it was never initiated. Maybe I can wish for her next book to be titled "How to Maintain Friendships After a Big Mistake!"


During her talk, Leslie discussed the intricate dynamics of mother-daughter relationships and the associated stress. Her statement, "We become our parents," resonated with everyone, evoking personal memories and reflections, whether actively engaged in similar experiences or simply observing.

Leslie detailed the four steps to reignite love, sharing her own journey alongside her daughter, Lindsey. It was evident that everyone took something meaningful from the presentation, and we feel fortunate to have Leslie as part of our Rotary Club.


Meeting Dates

May Selby Library	7
May Selby Library	21
June 100 Central	4
June 100 Central	18
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July 100 Central	16



46.5K STUDENTS 5.7K EMPLOYEES 56 SCHOOLS
 EVERY STUDENT. EVERY DAY!



TOM EDWARDS
SCHOOL BOARD

Tom will provide updates on the programs of the Sarasota County schools. This school system, one of the largest in

Tuesday Noon
February 6, 2024
Selby Library
Zoom Meeting ID: 860 6855 4560

Vision Statement

The School District of Sarasota County places learning at the center of its activities to enable all learners to lead productive, responsible, and healthful lives.

Mission Statement

The School District of Sarasota County prepares students to achieve the highest learning standards by engaging a high quality staff, involving parents, and a supportive community.

The School Board of Sarasota County sets policy for the school district that advances educational opportunities for all students. Comprised of five members elected county-wide, each School Board member serves four-year terms on an alternating basis and works to advance legislative priorities that best meet the needs of all students in the school district. School Board members are also responsible for appointing a school superintendent who directs the day-to-day academic and operational strategies of the school district.

Tom can be found rowing approximately 10,000 meters on the inter-coastal waterway. This avid Masters-level rower co-founded the Newtown Rowing Initiative to introduce high school students to the many benefits of this sport: learning advanced life skills, enjoying a healthy and recreational experience, and opening up a new avenue of collegiate scholarships. Welcome Tom!



The logo for Elemental Impact, featuring the letters 'Ei' in a large, white, sans-serif font on a teal background. Below this, the words 'Elemental' and 'IMPACT' are stacked in a smaller, white, sans-serif font, with 'IMPACT' in all caps.

Article previously presented in Elemental Impact

Holly Elmore Founder and CEO

"THERE ARE NO PASSENGERS ON SPACESHIP EARTH, WE ARE ALL CREW." Crew Consciousness

In 2015 Ei Advisor Tim Rumage, planetary ethicist and the Professor of Environmental Studies at Ringling School of Art and Design, along with David Houle co-authored This Spaceship Earth. The book's premise compares the Earth to a spaceship where there are finite resources necessary for survival. To replenish resources for survival, humans must understand there is no waste, only the segue into the resource's next valuable use.

This Spaceship Earth introduces crew consciousness:

The critical difference between the spacecraft of the space programs and science fiction and Spaceship Earth is simply that: we live on a spaceship that must resupply itself from itself. This is why we need to recognize that we are crew not passengers.

When humans shift from the unaware passenger mentality to crew consciousness, the current wasteful-use-of-resources and polluting-the-planet practices will evolve into solutions for replenishing finite resources and cleansing the environment.

In alignment with the Nature Prevails premise, Tim emphasizes "We are not trying to save the earth - we are not trying to save the planet. We are trying to save ourselves from ourselves"

The popularity of the book spawned the launch of This Spaceship Earth, Inc. (TSE) a global environmental non-profit with Origina, the global leader in IBM software maintenance, as the lead corporate supporter.

Inspired by a "I did not know," common response to his presentations, Tim along with David and Bob Leonard published a free e-book, Now that You Know, that updates on the Earth's status, how we arrived at the current crisis point, and what we can do about it.

With a goal of one billion crew members, the TSE site boasts over 140,000 crew members from across the globe. On the Acting as Crewpage, TSE provides the following guidelines on how to live within crew consciousness:

We all need to lessen our carbon footprint. Greenhouse gas emissions are a primary cause of Climate Change.

- We all need to consume less stuff. Mindless consumption puts stress on TSE.
 - We need to move from a Growth Economy to a Spaceship Economy. Be mindful of what you buy, how it's produced, and any waste that will remain after the product is used.
 - Lower your entire footprint on TSE. Less is more.
- Additionally, TSE details specific individual-action points within the following categories: transportation, food & diet, shopping, reduce plastics, home, and politics and activism.

A quote from Marshall McLuhan succinctly states TSE's message:

"THERE ARE NO PASSENGERS ON SPACESHIP EARTH, WE ARE ALL CREW."





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 pictures
- Deliver the collected plastic film to a participating retailer (see list) for recycling

Stores prefer 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

Carol Mitchell will be registering for the club!