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# Key Notes

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## A Heart for Valentine's Day

### Sarasota Keys Rotary

*Making the difference in our community and world*

- Dictionary Day
- Food Baskets
- Gift of Life
- Interact Club
- Juvenile Diabetes Walk
- Salvation Army Bell Ringing
- Vision Screening
- Youth Awards Banquet



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Isis Contreras Rodriguez was a long way from home but it didn't appear to be that way when she and her mother, Olga, arrived at Lake Wales Municipal Airport Saturday night.

Greeted by a crowd of people waving signs and bearing gifts, the two were later overcome by emotion because of the warm welcome they received.

The 12-year-old Honduran girl with brown eyes who won the hearts of Rotarians immediately has been in desperate need of an operation to close the hole in her heart.

Now, thanks to the Gift of Life International program through the Foundation of Rotary International, a charitable foundation funded by Rotarian donations, she has been able to get that operation. Gift of Life International has made it their goal to save as many children's lives as possible by providing life saving open heart surgery to children from infancy to 18 years of age with congenital heart defects.

Father Tom Seitz of the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd in Lake Wales has been a Rotarian since 1997. He is also a priest, so he wears two hats, so to speak. Father Seitz was on a mission trip to the Honduran village of Santa Maria when he met Olga and her five children. He said he noticed that one of her children, her little girl, Isis, was gravely ill. "It was clear that there was a congenital problem," he said.

If one surgical operation will fix the problem and make them have a normal life span, then the hospital and doctors do the surgery at no cost," Seitz said, with the Rotary club picking up remaining expenses, such as the cost of travel to and from

their native country. After several months it was determined that she was a viable candidate and Rotarians and parishioners worked together to coordinate the trip for Isis and her mother to come to the states.

One parishioner in the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd had lost his wife to an untimely death from a condition similar to the one Isis has. As a result of her death, people gave gifts which were put into an account to be used for something that would honor the gentleman's deceased wife.

Once the pair arrived in Miami, they were given a free medical flight to the Lake Wales Municipal Airport by Bob French with CAIRFlight, Inc. I felt when I saw this child and realized that there was a program that might help her, I had an obligation to do what I could," Seitz said.

Lisa said the two were "tired, but excited," expressing gratitude to God, the Rotary and the church when they arrived. She finds it rewarding to be able to help, especially given that there have been very limited resources in Honduras.

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*Service Above Self*

## Members Corner: Tony I.

Welcome to the Rotary club of Sarasota Key's Annual Valentine Luncheon. Broadway Tunes by Booker High School will be presented enjoy!!!

Another day in the saga of the 50/50 drawing. Jackie Russell a frequent winner in the 50/50 drawing held the winning ticket for Roland Moser last week. He is another frequent winner.

They are both very

close to *Marie Squattrito*. This scenario is being closely watched. *Jackie* however did not pick the queen of hearts. *Halina Kay* who sells the 50/50 tickets underwent a Lie detector exam and has been cleared.

Lunch menu: *Chicken a la king in pastry shell, with green beans, and roasted red bell peppers. Dessert vanilla ice cream in a chocolate shell with a raspberry sauce*

*and berry garnish--* Rolls / muffins/butter and coffee, tea and water. Looks like the University Club is going all out to make the day special !!!

Today's latin quip: *Cave sis cum amore tu unquam bellum sumpseris* Take care you never declare war on cupid

Tony I.

## Valentine's Day Humor

Q: What did the paper clip say to the magnet on Valentine's Day?

"A: I find you very attractive."

Q: What did the French chef give his wife for Valentine's Day?

A: A hug and a quiche!

Q: What did the chocolate syrup say to the ice cream?

A: "I'm sweet on you!"

*May this Valentine's Day be filled with love, understanding, and contentment as you journey through life with those you hold dear.*

*- Darly Henerson*

## The Legacy Society

**Leave a legacy of hope.** Help secure the future of the Foundation's educational and humanitarian programs. Remember the Sarasota Keys Foundation in your estate plans. Those listed below are members of the Legacy Society who pledge to include the Sarasota Keys Foundation in their estate plans. *Join today. See Herb Jones*

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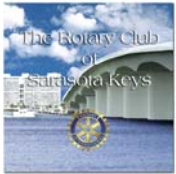


## Inter-Club Fellowship Opportunities

**Monday:** Gateway -- Sahib Temple -- noon;  
**Tuesday:** Sarasota Bay -- Van Wezel -noon; Gulf Gate - Sam Seltzers - noon  
 Sunset - Café Baci -- 6:15 PM  
**Wednesday:** Sarasota -- Marina Jack --noon  
**Friday:** Sunrise Dutch Heritage -- 7:00 am  
**Anytime, anywhere - eclubs:** [www.Rotaryclub34.org](http://www.Rotaryclub34.org)  
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Each contestant can submit up to three photographs that reflect the people, places and culture of Sarasota

Photos must be taken within Sarasota County and exemplify its community

Entries must be submitted on or before March 1, 2009

"Capture the Spirit" and "Evoke the Essence" awards will be selected from Sarasota and each of its sister cities. In addition, there will be one "Best of Show" award.

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