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NEXT MEETING

Friday, Sept. 22

12 Noon
At Marina Jack

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September Program:

David Verinder, President and CEO for Sarasota Memorial Health Care System, will provide an overview of the organization, including a look at plans to meet the growing needs of our community.

David Verinder, President and Chief Executive Officer Sarasota Memorial Health Care System

David Verinder has served as president and CEO of Sarasota Memorial Health Care System since 2014. The health system provides the region's greatest breadth and depth of care and has more than 1 million patient visits a year.

Sarasota Memorial has been recognized repeatedly as one of the nation's best health systems, with superior patient outcomes and a comprehensive continuum of care. With more than 9,000 staff, it is Sarasota County's largest employer.

Throughout his tenure, David has overseen the successful launch of new medical services and facilities to improve the community's access to high-quality care. In November of 2021, David led the most significant expansion in the organization's nearly century of service, with the opening of a new hospital in Venice and the completion of a state-of-the-art Oncology Tower on the Sarasota campus. The two facilities have increased system-wide capacity to 1,011 beds, allowing the health system to better respond to evolving patient needs. In previous years, David was responsible for the opening of Sarasota County's only Trauma Center, the construction of a state-of-the-art Rehabilitation Pavilion, and the start of physician residency and fellowship training programs. He is currently overseeing the construction of a new Behavioral Health Pavilion and a Research and Education Institute on the Sarasota campus and the development of a new hospital in North Port.



David first joined Sarasota Memorial in 2006 as chief financial officer, and later served as chief operating officer before being named CEO. Previously, he served in senior leadership at Scott & White Memorial Hospital & Clinic in Temple, Texas. He received his Bachelor's degree from Louisiana State University and his MBA from Auburn University.

Florida Trend magazine has included David on its list of Florida's 500 most influential business leaders for the past several years. He has served in community leadership roles and on numerous boards, including as past chairman of the Safety Net Hospital Alliance of Florida.

Amicus Personae – David Kline

Member of the Association of Retired Attorneys of Sarasota

Education: Windham High School, Willimantic, CT class of 1955

Brown University, Providence, RI class of 1959

University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor, MI class of 1962

US Navy Officer Candidate School, Newport, RI class of 1963

US Naval Justice School, Newport, RI class of 1963

Admitted to practice in Connecticut 1962

Law Practice: I defended sailors at court-martial and prosecuted one marine over two years at the Navy Base in Philadelphia. I was the lawyer on the Admiral's staff in New London, CT for a year. I stayed in the reserves for another decade before being discharged as a Lieutenant Commander.

After a year at a law firm in New London I went to Aetna Life and Casualty where I began the work I would do the rest of my career, in various places. I worked on the documentation and negotiation of investment transactions, mortgages, private placements, partnerships and other financing methods involving various kinds of borrowers with various needs. Over the years I also worked at Connecticut Mutual and MassMutual, always doing some mix of this work. For 11 years I was also the Corporate Secretary for Connecticut Mutual and its subsidiaries.

I could have stayed in the Navy. The admiral asked me to, personally and that was flattering and tempting, but I preferred to be married and I had other issues with the Navy like giving up slices of my private life on little or no notice. Even if I had been willing, my wife was not happy about having her husband sent off to Charleston, SC for six weeks to represent an officer whose ship sank or to Guantanamo to see what the "real Navy" was like. My presence on the admiral's staff for the last year of my active duty commitment was on 10 days' notice without any prior consultation, that decision having been made before I was informed. My wife had just begun her first teaching job. She stayed in Philadelphia. I went to New London. Nonetheless, I am glad I had the experience. I learned a lot, not the least of which was the disparity among people in the same line of work. For two years I represented sailors from that tiny segment that had problems in the Navy. For another year I worked with the segment at the other extreme, dedicated and thoroughly professional. (I am thankful for that dedication and professionalism. The weapons these people were deploying were beyond destructive and have only gotten more so since my time.) I am not a warrior and do not come from a military background. But I think my service did me some good and the Navy, too. I think we should expect some period of national service of some sort from all our young people. It would get them out of their shells as it did me.



Legal Aid Manasota

ATTORNEY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for “Newtown Wills Event”

WHO?

Legal Aid of Manasota, in partnership with the 12th Judicial Circuit Pro Bono Committee and the Sarasota County Bar Association’s Access to Justice Committee, is seeking volunteer attorneys to draft Simple Wills for low-income residents of Newtown.

WHAT?

A one-day event in which residents of Newtown will meet with an attorney to have a Simple Will drafted and signed. The event is a critical prevention component of Legal Aid’s “No Place Like Home Project” which aims to clear title to homestead property and maintain clear title for future generations.

WHERE?

Betty J. Johnson North Sarasota Library
2801 Newtown Blvd
Sarasota, FL 34234

WHEN?

Saturday, September 30th from 10:30-4:00pm
2 Shifts available: 10am-12:30pm or 1:00 pm-4:00pm

HOW?

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Linda Harradine at 941-366-0038 x107 or LindaH@legalaidofmanasota.org for more information!

We hope that you will join us!!

Directory Update

You should have received your copy of the 2023-24 Directory in the mail at the address listed for you.
Please reply if you have not received it.

Luncheon Payments

You may make payments on our website at the bottom of the page:
\$28 for lunch and/or \$55 for dues using PayPal at

www.retiredattorneyssarasota.org

Or you may mail a check for the luncheon payment of \$28 payable to the
Association of Retired Attorneys of Sarasota, Inc.

Please send to: Ben Berman, 4223 MacKay Falls Terrace, Sarasota, FL 34243

We are pleased to accept your payment by check or through our online payment option. Please get your luncheon payment to Ben prior to Wednesday of the luncheon week. After that Wednesday, no refunds can be given since the venue will have been notified of your intention to attend.

Please note the following dates for the next luncheons:

Friday, September 22

Friday, October 27

Monday, November 27

Monday, December 18

We look forward to seeing you at Marina Jack at noon on the above dates.

Ideas for Future Programs?

The Program Committee is always receptive to ideas for future programs. If any member has a topic or a speaker to suggest, please contact Harold Zabin at hpzabin@aol.com or Jim Case at JamesWCase1968@gmail.com .

Any member interested in participating in the Program Committee should contact Harold Zabin or Jim Case at the addresses above.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

If you have items of interest to the members, please forward them to

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