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John Ringling's footprints can be seen throughout Sarasota

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



John and Mabel Ringling have left their footprints all throughout Sarasota. We have the *John Ringling Causeway*, the *Ringling Museum*, and the *Ringling school of Art and Design*. Not to mention the fact that he once owned over 1500 acres on Longboat key. Without a doubt, you can not talk about the history of our great city without talking about the contributions of John and Mable Ringling.

On last week we had the opportunity to hear from Ron

McCarty, the Keeper and Curator of the Historic Ca d'Zan .

Ron has been part of the curatorial team of the Ringling Museum Estate for 27 years and has worked on the \$18 million restoration of the art museum in the early 1990's and the \$16 million restoration from 1995-2002. Ron is so full of the history of John and Mabel Ringling that it was as though he was talking about to very close friends of his.

Here is what we learned about the owner of the Greatest Show on Earth. John and Mable having traveled often to Europe, came to appreciate the finer pleasures of the continent's dazzling architecture and design.

In 1924, they commissioned New York architect Dwight James Baum, to build

their dream house, the Ca d'Zan.

Though the Ca d'Zan may translate from the Venetian dialect into "The House of John," the project was always listed on Baum's plans as "the home of Mrs. John Ringling," and Mable was the principal contact for much of the construction and decoration of the interior.

The mansion was completed in 1926, and would soon become the epicenter of cultural life in Sarasota, evoking the Venetian Gothic palaces admired by the Ringling's. Lavish parties were held with orchestras serenading guests from the Ringling yacht to the lovely marbled terrace.

Today the mansion stands as one of the jewels of the gulf coast.

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Service Above Self

Members Corner: Tony I.

Sorry about the Meatloaf error. The chef got the wrong menu. The meat loaf was not on the original menu. The manager sent me a revised menu but the chef did not get it.

Roland Moser hit the 50/50 again but did not get the queen of hearts. Of course not sitting on *Marie's* table may have had something to do with it.

Our speaker last week gave a very interesting Talk about the Ringlings and their Mansion. After I prodded him

he admitted that the beauty of Ca' d'zan was because of the Italian craftsmen and artists.

On TUESDAY November 25, 2008, the *Interact club* will be serving pre Thanksgiving dinner for the annual Mayors feed the Hungry program at the Robert Taylor community center in Newtown. They would like participation from us. It starts at 5 PM and is done by 8:30. Parents, friends, members, non members, are welcome to help. I think Steve says they serve about 1000 people.

If you have not done so already remember to sign up for the Salvation Army Bell Ringing.

Lunch for the day: *Turkey Wellington with mashed sweet potatoes and of course Vegetable Du Jour and a light cream sauce. Dessert assorted mini pastry trays.* I verified this will be the lunch.

Latin Phrase for the day *Raram fecit mixturam cum sapientia forma* Beauty and wisdom don't mix.

Tony I.



No Meeting Next Week

Enjoy Thanksgiving with your family and friends

We have so much to be thankful about, remember to say a prayer for those less fortunate

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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
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