

Meet Our Speaker: Saroeup “Sara” Im

Author, Inspirational Speaker, Wellness Consultant

Sara grew up in Cambodia. Her peaceful life ended that fateful day when the Khmer Rouge Communist took over her country. Sara endured four brutal years in a forced labor camp that became known as “The Killing Fields”. Over 2 million people, (one quarter of Cambodian population) perished during the tyranny of This Regime.



She escaped to Thailand and arrived one year later in the US in 1981. She became a US citizen and graduated from Western Connecticut State University in 1988.

Sara lives in Largo with her husband of 30 years, Dr. Sophann Im. She runs her own wellness business “Smart Healthy Living”.

Sara is an author of the book How I Survived the Killing Fields, a story of Hope, Love and Determination for which she received an award for most inspirational story in 2015 by Richter Publishing in Tampa Bay.

Sara will share the experience she had, what she learned and how it impacts you. Her goal is to give her audience a renewed strength to conquer their own challenges.

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PRAYER FOR TODAY: O Lord, we know you ask us to be cheerful givers. May our gifts bring joy to others. Amen

PROGRAM THIS WEEK: Sara Im, Killing Fields

**PROGRAM NEXT WEEK: Alison Dolan,
Clearwater Historical Museum**

**PROGRAM LAST WEEK: Mike Puffer,
Florida Strategic Insurance, LLC**

Upcoming Events:

Dec. 25th	NO MEETING , Merry Christmas
Jan. 1st	NO MEETING , Happy New Year
Jan. 8th	Sandra Lilo
Jan 15th	Pinellas Census 2020
Jan 22nd	Club Assembly
Jan. 29th	Claude McMullen

A message from Lorie:

Thank you to all the Elfies that came out ready to shop Friday Dec. 6th at Walmart. I so appreciate your help and time to get both schools done for Christmas. A thank you to Dean and Nana for taking gifts to Seminole Elementary - especially in your "small" car....a job well done by all and hope everyone had a good time. You all are GREAT shoppers. We had some new Elfies this year, so now you will be ready for next year:)



Linda and Gerry Miller, Kip Janes/Jim Woodworth (shopping buddies) Rodger Nelson Jen Reynolds Michelle Lowack Dean LaChance and Nana George and Shirley Donovan Eva Jones Sandy Hartmann Bob Fedor Phyllis Stockfish (missing John) Ginger Hayes

From the bottom of my heart, Thank you.

Lorie

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

Wendy Mitchell-Mathews Dec. 7th

DECEMBER CLUB ANNIVERSARIES:

George Donovan	12/01/73	46 years
Bob Fedor	12/01/84	35 years
Bill Schaefer	12/01/89	30 years
Kip Janes	12/31/02	17 years
Bob Ross	2/12/18	1 year

A Priest's Retirement Speech

A Priest was being honored at his retirement dinner after 35 years in the parish.

A leading local figure and member of the congregation was chosen to make the presentation and to give a little speech at the dinner.

However, he was delayed, so the Priest decided to say his own few words while they waited:

"Thank Goodness we Catholics have a wonderful sense of humor! I got my first impression of this parish from the first confession I heard here. I thought I had been assigned to a terrible place.

The very first person who entered my confessional told me he had stolen a television set, and when questioned by the police, was able to lie his way out of it. He had stolen money from his parents; embezzled from his employer; had an affair with his boss's wife; had sex with his boss's 17 year old daughter on numerous occasions, taken illegal drugs; had several homosexual affairs; was arrested several times for public nudity, and gave VD to his sister-in-law.

I was appalled that one person could do so many awful things. But as the days went on, I learned that my people were not all like that and I had, indeed, come to a fine parish full of good and loving people."

Just as the Priest finished his talk, the politician arrived full of apologies at being late.

He immediately began to make the presentation and give his talk: "I'll never forget the first day our parish Priest arrived," said the politician. "In fact, I had the honor of being the first person to go to him for confession."

Moral: Never, never be late!