



World-Famous Tino Wallenda on High Wire at Local FGBMFI Meeting

Full Gospel BusinessMen's Fellowship International, Sarasota FL.

Known around the world, Tino Wallenda of the internationally famous Flying Wallendas will be the featured speaker at a Sarasota meeting literally on the high wire. Friday, January 11, 2019, at 5:45 pm for dinner (6:45 pm without dinner), the monthly Sarasota meeting of the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International will take place. Don't miss this exciting, one-of-a-kind adventurous meeting at the Carlisle Inn, 3717 Bahia Vista Street, Sarasota, FL 34232. (Located right next to Der Dutchman Restaurant). As his protégé, Tino once engineered many of the riggings for his grandfather's famous sky walks. Now he engineers his own as he and his family log thousands of miles over eight months out of the year as they perform with various circuses, festivals, celebrations, fairs, special events and churches. Tino started on the wire at the age of 7 when his famous grandfather Karl Wallenda took him into the circus backyard, put the balance-pole in his hands, taught him how to place his feet and how to control his body and where to focus his eyes. At the age of 12 he made his first crossing on the wire 35 feet off the ground. At 17 Tino became a full-fledged member of the Great Wallenda troupe. For several years, he toured with and under the tutelage of his grandfather. With his wife Olinka, also a sixth-generation performer whose family roots were that of aerial performances and high wire, Tino set off to establish his own unique tightrope presentation.



Before Karl's death, Tino did return to work under his grandfather's leadership in recreating the 7-Person Pyramid and was supervising a second unit Wallenda troupe in the northwest when the elder Wallenda met with his untimely death. Some of the feats Tino has accomplished in his stellar career on the wire are walking over lions, tigers and man-eating sharks; walking between highrise buildings, over rivers (a one kilometer crossing of the Han River in Seoul, Korea) and a waterfall. His highest walk was 179 feet in the air over Denver and 3,300 feet in length. He is a descendant of a rich circus heritage that spans nearly 200 years and the sixth generation of performers. Tino currently is the leader of the Flying Wallendas family troupe. The Wallendas hold several accolades in the Guinness Book of Records for accomplishing both 8 and 10 Person Pyramids on the tightrope. They have four children, all of whom have taken part in the family tradition of wire walking.

They have five grand-children, the eight generation of wire walking. The family has been featured on the Discovery Channel, TLC, A&E and the History Channel. He began Circus Maranatha in 1978 where they have shared their personal Christian testimony on all of the major Christian television networks. In addition to traveling to numerous foreign countries, they have been given the opportunity to share spiritual and motivational influence, ministering to inmates in prisons and jails across the United States and abroad. Joel Swallow, Sarasota Chapter President (also seen on television as the Chairman of the Mayor's Feed the Hungry Campaign), describes the international fellowship: "Briefly, our mission is to connect people with opportunities to reach out and help others find a better life. We also work together to build a better community." This Christ-centered businessmen's organization (open to women also) is active in over 140 countries of the world, with thousands



of regular meetings hap pening every week. (www.fgbmfi.org or www.fgbmfiusa.life) When asked about the group accomplished their mission, Swallow responded, "We connect people by:
1. Calling people back to God
2. Promising integrity and good character
3. Participation in God's work
4. Working together to build better cities and nations
5. Taking the message of God's love to every family to come back to our hometown to perform and speak "We are not just on the Gulf Coast, around the world since the mid-1940's!" Tino will be "wire walking" as he speaks at the



ward to performing in his home town. Tino declares, "It is such an honor to come back to our hometown to perform and speak only a few miles from our house!" Tino will be "wire walking" as he speaks at the meeting, doing many of his memorable, one-of-a-kind feats on the wire. For more information or to make Dinner Reservations, please call Jerry Miller at 941-223-0417. Dinner price is \$20. Freed admission with no dinner.

SARASOTA PRAYER BREAKFAST

By Sarasota Prayer Breakfast Board President, Bob Armstrong

TO FEATURE NATIONAL SPEAKER & MUSICIAN

Sarasota's 47th Annual Community Prayer Breakfast is fast approaching. The date is Thursday, March 28, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. This year it is being held at the Sarasota Hyatt Hotel. This year's keynote speaker is David Barton, Founder and President of WallBuilders, a national pro-family organization that presents America's forgotten history and heroes, with an emphasis on our moral, religious and constitutional heritage. David is the author of numerous best-selling books, with the subjects being drawn largely from his

massive library of tens of thousands of original writings from the Founding Era. He also addresses over 400 groups each year. His exhaustive research has rendered him an expert in historical and constitutional issues and he serves as a consultant to state and federal legislators, has participated in several cases at the Supreme Court, was involved in the development of the History / Social Studies standards for states such as Texas and California, and has helped produce history textbooks now used in schools across the nation.

Also known as "America's historian," Time Magazine called David "a hero to millions - including some powerful politicians." Newsmax named him as one of America's top 100 influential evangelicals, and Time Magazine named him as one of America's 25 influential evangelicals. He has received numerous awards and honors. He has been seen on Fox News and other news outlets. Glenn Beck says of him: "David Barton is the most important person you will ever know." Providing extra-special music is Eirinn Abu. He gives the saxophone a new



Eirinn Abu

voice and sound. His ways Love You" with guest artist Dolly Parton. Eirinn Abu is a talented saxophonist who's repertoire includes spiritual classics like "Amazing Grace" and soulful love

songs like "I Will Always Love You". He will be performing from his newest CD, HYMNS. You can expect a very blessed and satisfying experience that will warm your heart. The annual Sarasota Prayer Breakfast is like a "cornerstone" of the Sarasota community. Sarasota Prayer Breakfast Board President, Bob Armstrong, tells He's Alive, "We have been an intricate part of the Sarasota Community for almost one-half century. God has used the Sarasota Prayer Breakfast to be a catalyst to bring us together in unity. We are patterned after the National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, DC." Continuation on Page: 5