



# San-Captions

10/13/17

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District 6960 Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club Organized 1979  
Chartered March 18, 1980

### Get all our club news on these

Social Media Platforms view or join us on:

Web-site: [www.sanibelrotary.org](http://www.sanibelrotary.org)

FACEBOOK: Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club

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### ROTARY SPEAKER SCHEDULE SERIES 2017:

OCTOBER Coordinator: Darrin Grotrian

13 Teresa Risk-Hall Sanibel Community House Update  
20 John Henshaw Former OSHA Director "9/11 Disaster Cleanup and Recovery"  
27 TBA

### Dates to Mark on your Calendar

October 27<sup>th</sup> Dictionary Day – distribution right after meeting...Sanibel School, Harlem Heights Charter School, and Fort Myers Beach Elementary...signup with Lee Almas

October 28<sup>th</sup> FISH 10K Run **SAN-CAP ROTARY GOLD SPONSOR**

October 31<sup>st</sup> Club monthly social...Blue Giraffe...Sanibel, 5:00 p.m.  
Halloween...Costume Optional **SCARY FUN**

CONTINUATION OF PAUL HARRIS AWARDS THIS WEEK BY  
ROTARIAN, JOHN SCHWANDKE



James Cardle  
Paul Harris+1



Angela Larson  
1<sup>st</sup> Paul Harris, Certificate, & Medal

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### WHAT CAN MEMBERSHIP IN SANIBEL-CAPTIVA ROTARY CLUB/ ROTARY INTERNATIONAL GET YOU?

**Profession Networking, Service Opportunities,  
International Awareness, Friendship, Good  
Citizenship, Family Foundations, Entertainment,  
Ethical Environment, Leadership Development, and  
Diversity in Membership**

**CLUB SONG ...Giver of all things good, We Thank you for this food, With one accord. Lead us we humbly pray, Onward  
in Rotary's way of service day by day, Most Gracious Lord  
(Tune of My Country Tis of Thee)**

**SPEAKER NOTES FOR 10-6-17...SCCF TURTLE PROGRAM...Good News!** It's nice to make that declaration. Good News! Last week our Sanibel-Captiva Rotary's guest speaker was Kelly Sloan, coordinator of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation's Sea Turtle Program. As most of our Island residents know, SCCF's sea turtle program is probably the most visible indicator of our Islands' ongoing commitment to the conservation of coastal habitats. Just walking on the beaches this time of the year, you can't help but notice the corded off yellow taped zones that indicate the presence of sea turtle nesting areas. Kelly told us that the count this year was at an all-time high with a count of 860 nests pre-hurricane and a remaining count of 720 post-hurricane. Phenomenal there are hatchlings through the roof, well through the sand.



Kelly named the types of sea turtles you can find around the world...Loggerhead, Green, Kemps, Hawksbill, Kemp's Ridley, Olive Ridley, Flatback and leatherback. Nesting on our Islands are usually Loggerheads.

Sea Turtle nesting season on Sanibel and Captiva runs from April to October and volunteers from SCCF monitor the beaches every morning during this time of the year in search of the tell-tale tracks that are visible from the turtle crawl the night before. Females come ashore to lay their eggs, males never leave the water. When tracks lead to a nest at the high-tide line the volunteers will mark the nesting sight, cord off the area, post signs, and in some cases, place a mesh covering over the nest to prevent coyote and other prey from feeding on the turtle eggs. The female turtle builds her nest usually somewhere near the nest area she was hatched. The sea turtle uses her back flippers to dig the nest and lays approximately 110 eggs. A female turtle may create as many as 3 to 4 nests called clutches. The temperature of the nest determines the sex of the turtles-as Kelly said, "hot chicks, cold dudes".

Incubation time is about two months. Volunteers monitor the nests every morning and night for signs of hatchling activity. When the hatchlings emerge from the nests they immediately crawl to the water and use the currents to take them toward the Gulf Stream. SCCF volunteers monitor the hatching activity as well as they can, never interfering but sometimes guiding hatchlings to the water. An inspection of the sea turtle nests take place after about three days to count the number of eggs hatched.

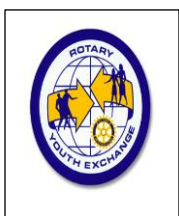
During the first three to five years of life, sea turtles spend most of their time in the pelagic zone floating in sargassium seaweed mats where they can find shelter and food. As the turtles reach adult hood they move closer to the shore. The female sea turtle hatchling's life circle will bring them back to the Island shores again when they mature and are ready for reproduction.

The Sanibel-Captiva Chamber web-site has this information for residents and visitor during Sea-Turtle nesting season:

1. Turn off all lights that could draw attention away from the Gulf of Mexico to the land. No light should be shining toward the beach.
2. Do not leave anything like beach umbrellas, shoes, sand pales, etc on the beach. These are obstacles for the babies.
3. Fill in any holes you created – like when you are out building sand castles on our beautiful beaches.
4. Do not use flash photography to catch the little guys making their way back to the Gulf. You know how it feels to be "blinded by the light." The babies won't be able to find their way – so no flashes, please.

If you follow these simple guidelines, you can help ensure that the baby sea turtles can find their way back to the water, where they need to be.

### **Rotary District #6960 Student Youth Exchange Program**



Rotary Youth Exchange is a study-abroad opportunity for young people who spend anywhere from a few weeks to a full year as an international student hosted by local Rotary clubs both abroad and domestically. Sanibel-Captiva Rotary has selected and will sponsor Sanibel high school student, Ian Vanderbilt, Bishop Verot graduate and a Rotary S4TL Seminar for Tomorrow Leader as our Rotary Club's District #6960 student exchange student for next year.

Our club is also interested in hosting a Youth Exchange student next year. Holli Martin has stepped up and is willing to host the student but she will need help with broadening the experience for this student. There will be times when Holli's family may need help with transport to school or after-school activities, hosting some fun activities and get-togethers with other youth exchange students, etc. IF YOU WANT MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OUR STUDENT YOUTH EXCHANGE...TALK TO HOLLI.