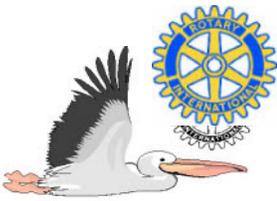


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“Make a World of Difference”

**A**ppreciation and admiration to our recent Rotary Paul Harris Award and Society recipients. Paul Harris Awards recognize the financial support for the Rotary Foundation and the programs they champion. At a recent Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club special fundraiser held to benefit *Rotary's Gift of Life Florida*, a financial match-challenge was offered unexpectedly during the intermission of the club's Classical Piano Concert benefit for *Rotary's Gift of Life Florida*. The challenge...was that anyone that would like to donate \$500 to *Gift of Life* right then... would have that amount matched by our club. This gift would then be recognized as a donation of \$1000 designated for *Gift of Life* to Rotary's Paul Harris contributions for the Rotary Foundation.

Last week, Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club PP, Mark Minoui, presented Paul Harris pins and awards to: John Mason gift to honor wife Darlene, Peter Weiner, Bunny Ospa to honor her husband Joel Ospa, Steve Bethea, and John Goodman. Many of these recipients have received multiple Paul Harris Awards and are now members of the Paul Harris Society having contributed over \$10,000 to the Rotary Foundation. Now a drum-roll please... special recognition for Rotarian, John Goodman, who is recognized as making thirty Paul Harris Rotary Foundation contributions.

Other Friends of the Sanibel-Captiva Rotary and other local Rotary club members attending this same benefit and pledging \$500 to *Gift of Life*, have or will be receiving Paul Harris Awards soon from our club.

*Gift of Life Florida's* primary purpose is to help needy children who require corrective heart surgery secure another lease of life through the miracle of open-heart surgery in a *Gift of Life* participating hospitals primarily in the United States but now in other sanctioned surgery facilities in and around the world.



### 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)

# CALL ME DUKE

**SAVE THE DATE:** MONDAY, APRIL 7TH  
CLUB OFFICERS AND TRUST BOARD  
INSTALLATION DINNER AT THE CAPTIVA  
YACHT CLUB, CAPTIVA...more details to come

## MEMBERS NEWS & NOTES



*Could this possibly have happened?  
Jackpot hit two weeks in a row.*

Snowbird Rotarian, Peter Werner, rolled the Jackpot dice last week and came up a winner. He is now \$100 richer.

But just the week before, Rene Lohser hit a \$600 jackpot. Rene donated \$100 back to the club and has sent the rest to his brother in the Philippines for construction of a new school in the name of Rotary.



**Birthday's celebrated last week:**

Guy Tober 74 years young  
John Mason's wife Darlene



**BRING A FRIEND, NEIGHBOR OR CO-WORKER TO JOIN US AT AN UPCOMING MEETING. LET THEM SEE FOR THEMSELVES WHAT A GREAT CLUB WE HAVE...**

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## SPEAKER CORNER:

**TODAY 3/7 Brian Boyd, Magician**

3/14 Emily Sperling,  
Rotary's Shelterbox Ambassador

3/21 Ric Base, Executive Director,  
Sanibel Chamber of Commerce

3/28 Ran Neihoff,  
Retired pastor, Sanibel Congregational UCC Church.

**Roger Triftshouser recruiter for March**



Guest speaker last week was Richard Barron the author of *Call Me Duke*. *Call Me Duke* is a book that presents a number of short stories based on recollections of things passed. Duke writes in the book's introduction, "I am a small town boy who grew up in the Midwest during the Great Depression and World

War II, 1930 to 1948. World changing events were going on in the lives of the adults around me, but day-to-day activities and relationships in my life seem, in retrospect, to have been amazingly stable. I share with you a way of life that few will ever be privileged to enjoy as I have". The railroad played an important role in some of Duke's stories. Given name Richard, nickname Dick (not his favorite), and eventually known as Duke wrote great stories about his Dad, Big Mike and his experiences as a railroad detective. Stories, like the one he read to us...*The Crossing*. Although I won't give away the entire story, I'll give you a tease...Two young railroad workers were assigned Sunday morning duties at the Niles Railroad Station...Young, Beck Monahan, telegrapher and his pal, Cubby Baehr, freight brakeman were feeling pretty good about their future with the railroad, so good, that Cubby Baehr felt confident enough to go to the local jeweler and buy an engagement ring for girlfriend Fran. On this day Fran was taking a trip to Chicago to visit with friends. It was a quiet afternoon and the young railroaders went about their work as usual, February 27, 1921. Trains were on time and Cubby was anxiously awaiting Fran's return from Chicago on the 9:30 train.

"The Sunday schedule of passenger traffic included only two west-bound trains and two east-bound, the early Canadian Express due in at 6: 58 and the Wolverine due in at 9:30. Fifty-two miles southwest of Niles and forty-four miles southeast of Chicago was the sleepy crossroad village of Porter, Indiana. Perhaps the only thing remarkable about Porter was that it was the location where the mainline of the New York Central Railroad and the mainline of the Michigan Central Railroad crossed. There was always danger at Porter Junction. In Niles just around 6:30 the first alert came, when both the telegraph started its frantic chatter and the official company phone started ringing. A message was coming from Porter. MCAA mainline closed at Porter. All westbound units hold at Niles; all east units hold at Gary. Emergency relief and repair units needed... Thank goodness Fran was coming back on the 9:30.