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2011-2012 District 6960 Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club
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SANIBEL-CAPTIVA ROTARY CLUB

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President: John Grey
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PEACE THROUGH SERVICE



DISTRICT #6960 GOVERNOR

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SANIBEL-CAPTIVA ROTARY CLUB PRESIDENT'S THEME 2012-13 "SHARING, IMAGINING, BEING"



GUEST SPEAKERS FOR OCTOBER

Speaker Recruiters October **Adair Heath and John Harries**

10/19 Greg Gardner, Executive Director, NAMI -- National Associate of Mental Illness
10/26 Club Assembly

Speaker Recruiters November **Bill Rahe and Chris DeCosta**

11/2 Roy Gibson, Sanibel Planning Dept.
11/9 County Commissioner John Manning (Bill Rahe)
11/16 Dr. Parke Avery, Hospital consultant



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

October 23 - Club Board Meeting - 5 @ Community Bank
October 27 - Rotary Leadership Training - John Grey
November 2 - Dictionary Day - Volunteers needed
November 8 - Wine and Cheese - invite on back page
November 11 - T-Shirt Sale Fit for Life/Sr. Center - Bunny Ospa

Chris DeCosta, club **ROAD KILL** chairman, announced Rotary **ROAD KILL** duty will now take place on the **third Saturday of the Month**. Volunteers always needed.

OCTOBER 20TH



The Sanibel-Captiva Rotary club recently presented Capt. John "Giddy Up" Bunch, founder of "Operation Open Arms" a \$1,000 check for the continuing good work this outstanding organization does to provide opportunities for social engagements in Southwest Florida for our active service men and women. Since 2005, beautiful Southwest Florida has become our nation's most popular leave destination for US Troops for good

reason. Those serving in combat or foreign duty stations can contact "Operation Open Arms" and if possible they will help arrange a visit Southwest Florida and R&R free of charge thanks to the "Operation Open Arms" network of local sponsors of the charity. Operation Open Arms of Southwest Florida has provided charitable resources for over 1,900 US Troops and their families since its founding.



The 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 wayc
Of service day by day, Most Gracious Lord
(Tune of My Country Tis of Thee)

INVITE A FRIEND TO OUR MEMBERSHIP EVENT



Wine & Cheese
Thursday, November 8th
Thistle Lodge...5 to 7 pm



All club members are encouraged to participate in this low-keyed membership event and asked to invite friends and business colleagues to join them. Along with a glass of wine and social chatter, they will get a chance to meet Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club members, who represent an outstanding group of professionals in their community committed to the support of community, nationally, and globally based humanitarian causes.

VIP GUEST, STEVE AGIUS, DISTRICT 6960 MEMBERSHIP CHAIR will be joining us at this event.

SPACE IS LIMITED SO **PLEASE RSVP** TO JANET STRICKLAND, CLUB MEMBERSHIP CHAIR
jmslaw@centurylink.net

SERVICE ABOVE SELF OPPORTUNITIES

LUMINARY NIGHT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. A ROTARY TRADITION CONTINUES - CLUB MEMBERS WILL FILL LUMINARY BAGS WITH SAND AND CANDLES AND THEN PLACE THE LUMINARIES DOWN PERIWINKLE WAY AND TARPON BAY, SANIBEL AND ANDY ROSSE LANE, CAPTIVA FOR LUMINARY NIGHT.
DATES HAVE NOT YET BEEN ANNOUNCED, JUST STAY TUNED - JOHN CARNEY

Our snowbird Rotarians are flying in and just in the nick of time. The island is bustling with activities and our Rotary members are heading up many of those events. Hope you didn't miss it, but if you did, the Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum had an amazing Island celebrity waiter fundraiser event at Traders on October 3rd. We have two remarkable Rotarians sitting on their Board of Directors, President of the Museum Board, Claire Beckman and Board Member, Janet Strickland. On October 14 Rotarian, John Pryor had the awesome responsibility of chairing the F.I.S.H. (Friends in Service Here) the fourth annual 10 K fundraising run. Rotarians John Pryor, Clair Beckmann, and Adair Heath sit on that Board. Club members were also counted in on the volunteer roster for the event. October 14th the Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club was one of many proud Island sponsors for the recent "Ding" Darling Days. And check this out if you get a chance, stop by the Sanibel School Soccer Field to see our Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club youth soccer team, play their hearts out. Upcoming Rotary activities: November 2nd - Rotary Dictionary Day - Rotarians will be delivering dictionaries to all third graders at the Sanibel School; November 8th Rotary Wine and Cheese Membership Event, Thistle Lodge...you have an invitation, if you have an interest in Rotary...just e-mail Janet Strickland jmslaw@centurylink.net and let her know you will be coming; November 11th Collectable Rotary T-Shirt Sale featuring the art work of Ikki Matsumoto at the Fit for Life/ Senior Center, Sanibel. For the first two weeks in November we have great guest speakers lined up: 11/2 Roy Gibson, Sanibel Planning Dept. and 11/9 Lee County Commissioner, John Manning. Guests are always welcome at our Friday morning Rotary meetings...7:00 a.m. breakfast and 7:30 meeting. If you would like to join us just contact Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club President, John Grey john@johngreypainting.com or President-Elect, Scot Congress scot@scongress.com.



As part of our regular Friday morning meetings, Rotary invites the most interesting and involved members of our community to present a program about their personal passions, the organizations they are involved with, programs we should be aware of, or on-going/up-coming fundraising efforts that need support. Recently, the club invited the program director

LOCAL ROTARY MEETING SCHEDULE FOR MAKEUPS

Monday	Noon - Fort Myers-South... Crown Plaza Bell Tower
Tuesday	Noon - Estero... Spring Run Country Club Noon - Fort Myers... Royal Palm Yacht Club
Wednesday	7:30 AM - Bonita Springs... Bonita Bay Club 7:30 AM - Fort Myers-East... Beef O'Brady's 8:00 AM - Cape Coral... LaVenezia Ballroom 6:30 PM - Cape Coral North... Southside Sport Grill
Thursday	Noon - Lehigh Acres... Microtell Inn & Suites 8:00 AM - North Fort Myers Fishbones at Shell Factory Noon - Bonita Springs... Spanish Wells CC
Friday	7:00 AM - Sanibel-Captiva... Beachview Bistro 11:45 AM - CapeCoral... Gold Coast...Gulf Coast Village

of Sanibel's "Friends in Service Here" (F.I.S.H.), Christine Swiersz, to speak to us.

The mission of F.I.S.H. is to lend a helping hand to those in need who live, work or visit Sanibel and Captiva by providing free services such as transportation, food pantry, meal delivery, health equipment, and emergency financial assistance through a group of volunteers who care about enhancing the quality of life for all those who request help. This all-encompassing humanitarian organization is the umbrella resource center for a plethora of services that are provided in our community. F.I.S.H. serviced 750 clients in 2011-92% Islanders, 8% Island Worker Families plus a small fraction of vacationers. 200 F.I.S.H. volunteers were involved in providing transportation for almost 300 medical related appointments, delivering 2,650 hot meals to 39 clients, ready and delivered 371 pieces of medical/health equipment, made 901 daily reassurance phone calls, make regular visits to 11 housebound clients, bringing together 295 participants for their monthly Friendly Faces Luncheons, provided 174 holiday meals, assisted 33 elderly or disabled clients with Hurricane preparedness, helped 32 young people with youth summer scholarships, had 121 families use the F.I.S.H. food pantry, provided \$176, 227 of emergency financial assistance and client support, provided 46 children with weekend food through their backpack program. F.I.S.H. offers a Mommy and Me group two times a week, nutrition workshops, classes for seniors regarding balance and fall prevention. They conduct a Helping Hand Program to access and help clients struggling with rent, mortgage, utilities, and offer emergency financial assistance.

Rotary wants to thank the F.I.S.H. staff (two FT and two PT) along with its army of volunteers for their devoted service to our community and congratulate its program director, Christine Swiersz, for receiving the prestigious Elaine McLaughlin-Good Samaritan Award 2012. A quote from Bill Fellows, President of the F.I.S.H. Board of Directors, "Christine has done a wonderful job forging relationships with over 30 agencies throughout Lee County. She had been able to bring to the islands a wide variety of additional services that, for example, provide F.I.S.H. clients with health and nutrition education, memory screening, elderly fall prevention and a Mom and Toddlers group. She has broadened the scope of our work so that we are able to help clients with their ever widening range of needs in these difficult times."

KEEP THE WHEELS ROLLING - CLUB HAPPY BUCKS WILL BE GOING TOWARD OUR WHEELCHAIR CHALLENGE TILL THE END OF THE YEAR