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2011-2012 District 6960 Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club
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SANIBEL-CAPTIVA ROTARY CLUB PRESIDENT'S THEME 2012-13

"SHARING, IMAGINING, BEING"



DICTIONARY DAY Friday, November 2nd

"Labeling Day" Saturday, October 6, 2012 time TBD. We will again be meeting at the school district building in Fort Myers for an hour or so of putting Rotary name plates in Dictionaries. Our club distribution sites are: [The Sanibel School](#) and [Fort Myers Beach Elementary-November 2.](#)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED talk to **Adair Heath**

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

Happy Dollar contributions will be directed to our Wheelchair Challenge effort, now till the end of year. The club is trying to raise \$5,500 in contributions from club members and friends to meet the Sanibel-Captiva Rotary club's \$5,500 match challenge toward the purchasing of a cargo container filled with wheelchairs for distribution in areas of need.



COLLECTED TO DATE - \$1,000
NEEDED TO MEET GOAL - ADDITIONAL \$4,500

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)

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

GUEST SPEAKERS FOR OCTOBER

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

10/5 Executive Director of The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum
10/12 Christine Swiersz, F.I.S.H. --Friends in Service Here
10/19 Greg Gardner, Executive Director, NAMI -- National Associate of Mental Illness
10/26 Club Assembly



Delinquent Membership Dues Invoices Due!!!
Please check your records and make sure your dues have been paid and if not, please put a check in the mail ASAP to John Danner.

Rotarian, Bunny Ospa **looking for volunteers** to help sell vintage Arts & Crafts T-shirts at the FIT FOR LIFE CENTER (Senior Center), Sanibel on **Saturday, November 10th.**



Welcome back! That salutation was meant for Gabriel (Gabe) Perez, Rotary District 6960 Youth Exchange Student (RYES) sponsored by our Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club. Gabe last visited our club back in June. He had gone through his orientation for a school year of study in Spain and was anxious to get started on what he knew would be an incredible experience. Gabe was first assigned to go to Belgium for his senior year in high school, but things

didn't quite work out that way; so many students requested France or Belgium that arrangements and assignments were organized for these students to study in other countries. Gabe accepted a placement in Spain. Mind you Gabe had studied advanced French in High School and had no language skills in Spanish (even with a name like Perez) but he was undaunted by this slight obstacle.

Last Friday, he presented the club with a fantastic slide show of his travels through Spain and told of his experiences with his host family (Mi Familia)- mama, papa, son-Paco, cousin-Ricardo and grandma. The family fit was perfect. Although the host family had two teenage boys, one was in the States for study and so Gabe just stepped in like a son and was treated as a family member from the very start of this new adventure. The father of the family worked for Iberia Airlines and when not on assignment for Iberia had time to travel through Spain with Gabe. Some of that travel was by motorcycle. The family lived thirty minutes outside of Spain and so about once a week, they attended the Opera, concerts, many cultural events and Gabe even got a chance to go "clubbing". When they got an opportunity the family took Gabe throughout Spain and exposed him to the culture and heritage of their country. He was impressed by Toledo the old capital city of Spain, Salamanca known for its beautiful buildings and urban environment and the most important university city in Spain, Alicante a historic Mediterranean port and Gabe's second favorite city, Cordoba a Roman style city with grand architecture and a

fortified city. Then there was Granada located at the foot of the Sierra Nevada Mountains, at the confluence of three rivers, the Beiro, the Darro and the Genil. One of his favorite places to visit was the Alhambra, a Moorish citadel and palace in Granada. The Alhambra is the most renowned building of the Andalusia Islamic historical legacy with its many cultural attractions. Granada is a popular destination among the tourist cities of Spain, now to Seville-Gabe's very favorite city. Seville is a river port and the home of the Alcazar. Alcazar was originally a Moorish fort. It is the oldest royal palace still in use in Europe, and it was registered in 1987 by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site. Gabe even got a chance to visit Lisbon, Portugal-the capital of Portugal. His travel experiences have certainly boarded his life experience and provided him with a better understanding of the world around him.

Traveling was just part of his school year abroad. Going to high school in Spain was somewhat different, Gabe said, "There seemed to be a lot of interruptions in the school week, teacher strikes took place regularly, but even with this Gabe enjoyed his school involvement. He did learn basic Spanish and got the opportunity to take classes in literature, history, philosophy, math, chemistry, and economics. Even before he started his school year aboard, Gabe knew that when he returned to the States he would have to makeup some of his high school courses to get his credits toward high school graduation here in the states.

Culturally Gabe found that the Spanish way of life revolved around family. He also found out that the Spanish love their food. ...cooking with fresh ingredients, shopping for their daily meals...no frozen dinners, no drive-through restaurants... taking time to enjoy meals, taking time with their families. He came back to the states a genuine foodie...learning to appreciate the food and time spent with family at meal time preparing and eating food. He absolutely loved the family he was placed with. Gabe's time spent in Spain has changed him; he thanked the club for the opportunity of a lifetime. He will soon finish his high school requirements and is planning on attending FGCU with the eventuality of a medical career is in his future.