

San-Captions

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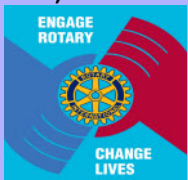
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SAN-CAP ROTARY CLUB 2013-14 PRESIDENT SCOT CONGRESS



SUNDIAL WELCOMES BACK THE LOCALS

...Our club welcomed Bob Kramm, GM of Sundial Beach Resort and Spa to the podium last week. Islanders have been following the construction renovations and reopening of the Sundial and although there had been major problems both dealing with unexpected construction repairs and upgrading building code requirements at the property, requiring additional financial investment, all seemed to be going in a positive direction.



That is until this past June, the sudden death of Sanibel Sundial Partners, LLC (SSP) organizer and CEO, Bill Spiropoulos brought into play the need to reorganize the financial positioning of the partnership. Bob wanted to address the financial reorganization head on and dispense with any rumors regarding this amazing property on the Island. Yes, financial restructuring is taking place through court proceedings and a judge will be determining the outcome of this process soon. Bids for the property assets will open this week and there is stalking horse bid (approved corporate bid) on the table to start. Bob is confident that within a short time the financial being of the resort will be satisfied.

In the meantime building the reputation of the resort with its clientele and the community is utmost to assuring success for the Sundial. Bob was brought in as General Manager by Mariner Management Services in May. During that short-period-of-time the community has seen an amazing outreach by the resort. This property was closed to the general public for a number of years and now the doors are open and the feeling of a contributing entity for our community in tandem with outstanding guest services is extraordinary. With Bob's leadership and his outstanding knowledge of the hospitality business, public relations, customer relations, marketing, and team building, the resort is poised to, once again be the place of choice to stay and play on the Island.



Bob brought with him to our meeting his newly appointed catering sales manager, Marina Bletz. Many Islanders remember that at one time, the Sundial was THE place to hold fundraising events and private parties. Bob and Marina are already positioning the Sundial to reclaim that reputation and recently held a Halloween Party benefiting FISH. Island events and family weddings have been booked and locals feel welcome again. Reservations are now being taken for their Thanksgiving Buffet, Christmas Buffet, and New Year's Party. What is the saying, "Open the doors and we will come"...that is if you treat us right. The Mariner organization has strong ties to the Island and knows this property very well. If anyone can bring back the reputation of the property it is the Mariner group, they've done it before on the Island and can do it again. Strong emphasis on the natural beauty of Sanibel and promoting the uniqueness of the Island is part of their marketing plan. They have done some outreach to CROW, Shell Museum, and J.N. "Ding" Darling, and future relationships with these organizations are a win/win combo for hotel guests and visitors to Sanibel. Another avenue in marketing is the relationship with the Sanibel Golf Club (old Beachview) working together to provide guests with an incredible opportunity to experience resort packages that include beach, tennis, and golf privileges. New attention on marketing group sales and destination weddings will undoubtedly bring back a piece of the resort business that had dropped considerably over the last few years. The resort can now fully market a beautiful and vibrant place for both business, leisure travelers and locals. Upgrades to the pool area should be completed soon and the spa is scheduled to open in a few months. Bob is pretty approachable guy and welcomes ideas for better service for his guests and ideas on how to become a partner with the community so don't be afraid to e-mail him at the resort with your comments.

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)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: **SPEAKER CORNER:**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH... BOUNTIFUL BLESSINGS EVENT

Heights Foundation is having a Thanksgiving Outreach event ("Bountiful Blessings") on Sunday November 24.

The event is designed to help those less fortunate have a full meal for Thanksgiving. The hall will be set up as a marketplace, with specific products set up in specific stations throughout the hall. The families will then walk around to the various stations picking items they want/have been allocated for their meal.

Donations. If you are not able to volunteer, then the next best thing is making a small donation . . \$10 worth of canned goods

(green beans, corn, cranberries, etc.). Volunteers are great, but they also need to be able to have enough food on hand to provide for the families.

The Sanibel Captiva Club has a long and rich history with the Heights and we thought it would it would be a good idea to show our continued support to them by volunteering. The Heights hopes to help over 400 families have a Thanksgiving meal, and we want to help them succeed!

Will it be beneficial to all concerned . . you betcha!!
Rotarian,
Jack Alexander

Today 11/22

Charlie Emerson - You and Your Family's Thyroid Condition.

11/24 Heights Bountiful Blessings

11/26 Club Officers Board Meeting 5 p.m. Community Bank

11/29 Dark

12/6 SWFL Museum of National History

12/13 Cecil Pendergrass

Holiday Party see announcement on page 2

12/20 Bob Cacicoppo (Artistic Director of Florida Rep)

12/27 Dan Budd, Haiti Water Project

DECEMBER -- recruiters Bill Rahe and Chris de Costa

Makeup Meeting Locations

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| Monday | Noon - Fort Myers-South... Crown Plaza Bell Tower |
| Tuesday | Noon - Estero... Spring Run Country Club Noon - Fort Myers... TBD |
| Wednesday | 7:30 AM - Bonita Springs... Bonita Bay Club 7:30 AM - Fort Myers-East... Beef O'Brady's 7:30 AM - Fort Myers Sunrise ... Hilton Garden Inn 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 | 11:45 AM - CapeCoral... Gold Coast...Gulf Coast Village |

DECEMBER 13, 2013

HOLIDAY PARTY

PLACE...COMMUNITY HOUSE, SANIBEL

TIME...6 TO 9 PM

GUEST \$50 MEMBERS NO CHARGE

Alex Werner & John Danner

Fundraising Events- JOIN the planning committee for Gift of Life Fundraiser - **Thursday, January 16th** at Harlem Heights Community Center, Fort Myers...
World Famous Classical Pianist,
Francesco Attesti in Concert. - Chet Sadler

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS:

PLACE...San-Cap Community Bank, Library Way

TIME...5 PM

DATES...Tuesday -

2013 Nov, 26, Dec. XXX

2014 Jan. 28, Feb. 25, Mar 25, Apr. 22, May 27, Jun. 24

(Members are always invited to join the Board for these meetings.)

ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR SILENT ACTION ITEMS NEEDED...LETTERS HAVE GONE OUT TO LAST YEAR'S DONORS BUT WE NEED HELP SOLICATING NEW DONATIONS...
SEE ROGER TRIFTSHAUSER

NO REGULAR CLUB MEETING ON NOVEMBER 29 TH



WORLD FAMOUS CLASSICAL PIANIST FRANCESCO ATTESTI IN CONCERT THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2014 AT HARLEM HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTER FORT MYERS, FL. PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT ROTARY "GIFT OF LIFE" Tickets on sale soon \$50

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