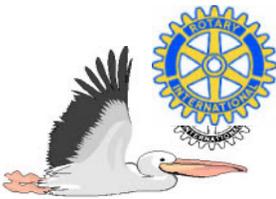


December 13, 2013

San-Captions

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DISTRICT #6960

GOVERNOR 2013-2014

Tim Milligan

"Make a World of Difference"

ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

TONIGHT

PLACE: COMMUNITY HOUSE

TIME: 6 TO 9PM

GUESTS \$50 MEMBERS NO CHARGE

ALEX WERNER & JOHN DANNER



THANK YOU TO OUR ROTARY LUMINARY ELVES



GREAT JOB!

MEMBERS NEWS & NOTES

Thank You to Jack Alexander for spearheading our clubs contributions for the Heights Center Thanksgiving outreach event. Donating partners and the Heights Foundation distributed 7,000 lbs of can goods & turkeys to residents living in the Harlem

Heights community in Fort Myers at this event.

- ◆ Congratulations: John Danner's daughter and her partner are now the proud parents of two wonderful little girls.
- ◆ Birthday wishes for Scot Congress's son (19).

NOMINATIONS are now open for Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club Board and Trust Foundation Board. Two positions must be filled on each of the two Boards. Please let Nominating Committee members, John Grey or Chet Sadler, know of your nomination. Also if you have an interest in serving in any of these capacities, please let Chet or John know. The election will be on the Dec.27. meeting.

ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR

SILENT ACTION ITEMS NEEDED...

LETTERS HAVE GONE OUT TO LAST YEAR'S DONORS BUT WE STILL NEED HELP SOLICITING NEW DONATIONS...

Merchant/Donor information sheets can be obtained by contacting Roger Triftshouser at 239-395-5360 or by Email roger.triftshouser@gmail.com.

START NOW!!! TIME FLYS BY!!!

SPEAKER CORNER:

12/13 ★ Cecil Pendergrass
Holiday Party

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

12/27 Dan Budd, Haiti Water Project

Dec. recruiters...Chet Sadler/Jack Alexander

1/3 Bob Schmidt, Congress & the Innovation Ecosystem

1/10 Ralph Clark, Sanibel Civic Center

1/17 John Talmage, Econ. Dev. Lee County

1/24 - tbd - John Danner recruiter

1/31 Todd Logan, Playwright, Defamation

Jan. recruiters....John Danner/Emily Kletzien

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)



The Rotary Club of Sanibel Captiva presents world famous classical pianist in concert. Francesco Attesti an Italian pianist of International acclaim. Among his generation of musicians, he is considered one of the finest interpreters of the Romantic and early Twentieth Century Repertoire. Francesco is also a Rotarian and dedicates a number of his concerts for raising funds to support Rotary causes around the world. This is somewhat of a return engagement; in 2006 Francesco played a critically acclaimed fundraising concert for San-Cap Rotary in Philips Gallery, BIG ARTS, Sanibel. We welcome him back to the area and are inviting the general public to come out and enjoy a wonderful evening of beautiful music, all proceeds from this concert will go to support *Rotary Gift of Life Florida*.

VIRTUOSO SENTIMENTO

A night with world famous classical pianist
FRANCESCO ATTESTI

Date: January 16th, 2014

Time: 6:00 PM Hors d'oeuvre and cash bar
7:00 PM Piano concert

Where: The Heights Center, 15570 Hagie Drive,
Fort Myers

Tickets: \$50 (all proceeds benefit **Rotary Gift of Life**)

Tickets available now ...**great Holiday gifts!**

Buy at these locations: Congress Jewelers, Sanibel
Bank of the Islands, Sanibel
Rotary Booth...Sanibel Farmers Mkt
Or reserve by e-mail
www.sanibelrotary.org
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Gift of Life...Rotary Clubs and Districts throughout the world that become aware of children in need of heart surgery will contact *Gift of Life*. These children have been identified by local physicians as suffering from congenital heart defects. Rotary helps children in two ways. First, we may arrange for them to be flown to the United States where a volunteer team of medical professionals performs the this necessary life-saving surgery. Alternately, we may arrange for Gift of Life affiliated hospitals, medical centers and healthcare professionals throughout the world to treat them. The latter practice reduces the need for extensive travel for our children and their families. To date, Gift of Life programs around the world have brought life-saving heart surgery to more than 16,000 children.

TRADITIONS HAVE THEIR PLACE IN HISTORY...

Sanibel and Captiva Luminary Nights are the official start of the Christmas Holidays here on the Islands. This tradition gets the season rolling and Rotary would like to thank the organizers and sponsors of this event for making both nights' joyous ones. In particular we would like to thank our own band of Rotary elves for filling the luminary bags with sand and candles and placing them along the pathways in both Sanibel and Captiva. I like this particular blog quote, so I'll pass it along to you.

"Traditions make occasions memorable, to distinguish certain days or events so they last for years and years in the collective memories of participating family member, thus providing a sense of continuity, and belonging."

Traditions and memories combined with recorded public records provide a very important resource for history museums and the building of historically correct exhibits and research sources. Now that brings us to Rotary's guest speaker last week, Jim Powers, Southwest Florida Museum of History in Fort Myers.

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Jim has a couple of jobs at the museum as researcher and tour guide. The passion just oozes out of Jim when he talks about the history of Fort Myers. Jim enlightens us by first explaining that Fort Myers is really a relatively young area. Right up to the twentieth century Fort Myers was still a cow town. Sort of like some of the small mid-west towns we see on TV or the movies, except no tumbleweeds. Just picture this Fort Myers... dirt roads, non-permanent wooden buildings, cowboys, bars, and bordellos. Southwest Florida was considered swampland...not much happening here...right up to the 18th century. People and supplies were brought in by water and the only horse power there was on land, was provided by the real thing...horses.



The museum does have exhibits of regional habitants and their environments before the 19th century starting with Paleo Florida, the time of the dinosaurs. Speeding up the time-line now - beyond this period Indigenous Indians lived and hunted in the area but that population was mostly transient. "The Calusa Indians did settle here and were builders, during their reign that lasted into the early 1700s, they transformed the landscape of SWF by building hundreds of shell mounds, altering the waterways and constructing canal highways that connected the coasts". The diorama exhibited at the museum provides an overview of the Calusa lifestyle along with the many tools artifacts and displays.

Although Ponce De Leon had visited the area in the 1500s, it wasn't until much later that European explorers tried to establish roots here in Southwest, FL. Native Americans contracted the white man's disease and the Calusa population was mostly disseminated. An emulation of a small number of Calusa survivors and other Native American Indians came together as the Seminole Tribe. Jim told us that "Fort Myers was one of the first forts built along the Caloosahatchee River as a base of operations against the Seminole Indians. Fort De-naud, Fort Thompson, and Fort Dulany (Punta Rassa) all pre-date Fort Myers. When a hurricane destroyed Fort Dulany in October 1841, the military was forced to look for a site less exposed to storms from the Gulf of Mexico. As a result of the search, Fort Harvie was built on the grounds that now comprise downtown Fort Myers. Renewed war against the Seminoles in 1850 caused a re-occupation and extensive reconstruction of Fort Harvie. Fort Harvie began in 1850 as a military fort in response to Seminole Indians who were in conflict with the area's settlers. It was renamed in 1850 for Col. Abraham C. Myers, who was stationed in Florida for seven years and was the son-in-law of the fort's founder and commander. In 1858, after years of elusive battle, Chief Billy Bowlegs and his warriors were persuaded to surrender and move west, and the fort was abandoned. The fort was abandoned and stood empty until December 1863, when Union Army troops re-occupied it during the Civil War. On February 20, 1865, the fort was attacked by three companies of Florida militia, determined to end the Union cattle raids against local ranches. The Confederate state troops demanded the fort surrender, but the Union commander refused, and sporadic firing continued through most of the day. The Confederates retreated after dark. One Union soldier was killed and three wounded in the Battle of Fort Myers. One Florida militiaman had been wounded. Even though the attack had been driven off, the Union troops abandoned Fort Myers the following month. "

Skipping a little bit forward, Jim turns the spotlight on cows, cows, and then more cow. On the museum web-site they wrote, "Cattle made up the first of what are referred to as the 3 Cs of Florida agriculture: Cattle, Citrus and Cane. Like cattle citrus and can were Spanish imports during their occupation of Florida."

There is so much more for you to see and learn at this wonderful small museum, located at 2031 Jackson Street, Fort Myers, just a short distance from downtown. This is a great place to visit for both adults and children. Put it on your to-do-list this season. Combine it with a trip to the Sanibel Historical Village and you will have some wonderful afternoons of fun while learning.