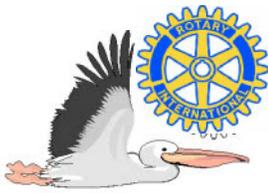


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PEACE THROUGH SERVICE



DISTRICT #6960 GOVERNOR

Steve Schlueter

SANIBEL-CAPTIVA ROTARY CLUB PRESIDENT'S THEME 2012-13

"SHARING, IMAGINING, BEING"



New Member Inductions Today

Both new members were sponsored by Scot Congress

SCOT B. HERZOFF

Retail/Jewelry
Congress Jewelers-Sales

WILLIAM PALMER

Banking/Wealth Management
SunTrust Sanibel-Client Advisor

MARK YOUR CALENDARS WEEKLY SPEAKERS

March 22nd (Friday)

Don Russell's House Party

April 15th (Monday)

Installation Dinner Captiva Yacht Club

April 26th (Friday)

Breakfast Meeting at Heights Community Center

May 14-19 District Conference - more information on back page.

SANIBEL-CAPTIVA ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION AND APPLICATION IS NOW ON OUR CLUB WEB-SITE WWW.SANIBELROTARY.ORG
If you know someone who might be eligible, encourage them to apply.

**IN LOVING MEMORY:
OF ROTARIAN ART KRAMER**



Mary Kramer sent a lovely note and check to the club to mark Art's love for Rotary on what would have been his eighty-eighth birthday. The check was for eight-eight dollars.

MARCH RECRUITERS

Thrifthauser/Mason

3/22 Still not confirmed at

publication time

Holocaust Survivor

3/29 Club assembly

APRIL RECRUITERS

Carney/Almas

4/5 Keith Williams, Director

Sanibel Dept of Public Works **

John Carney would like you to send your questions for Keith in advance to johncarney@yahoo.com. Keith will then do the research, get the answers for you and re- spond when he is our guest speaker.

4/12 Dennis Schofield - former insurance adjustor

4/19 Dr. Sidney Simon

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 way

Of service day by day, Most Gracious Lord

(Tune of My Country Tis of Thee)

DISTRICT CONFERENCE NEWS:

It is once again, that time of year where we approach our Rotary District Conference with great enthusiasm. This year the conference will be a lot of fun just celebrating the clubs.

What do we do at a District Conference you might ask? This year, we will simply celebrate the Rotary Clubs, their accomplishments, work on a service project or two, and share a great deal of fellowship all while having lots of fun. This year we will have two service projects that will take place on Friday and Saturday afternoons. The first one is donating your gently used clothing to Goodwill of Southwest Florida. Please bring your donations to the Goodwill Truck which will be located at the hotel. The second project - service day at Save Our Seabirds in Sarasota to plant native vegetation. Native plants are especially important for use there because falling leaves block drainage in the bird sanctuary, care has to be taken that plants aren't dangerous or yummy to the birds and, of course, native plants require less care and resources. Save Our Seabirds in a nonprofit organization located just a few minutes' drive from the Hyatt. We have some tremendous speakers lined up for the conference check District web-site

Friday night will be a 60's night where tie dye is back in fashion and the rock and roll will be loud. Our entertainment will be provided by our own Governor Steve Schlueter and other Rotarians (about 20) from around the District. Plan to stay up late with us and rock the night away. Oh, don't forget your love beads and peace signs. More players are always welcome.

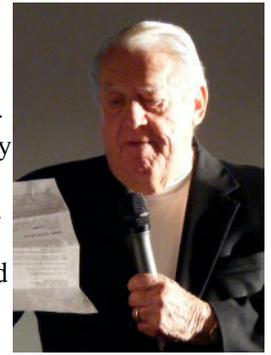
Saturday night will be a Bahamian themed night so bring out your best beachwear and help us celebrate the Changing of the Guard as our District as DGE, Tim Milligan is installed. It is sure to be a night full of celebrations.

Remember to make your hotel reservations and the conference reservations soon, as rooms are going quickly. Information on District web-site rotarydistrict6960.org

JANE GOBLE

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

How one small Rotary Club here on Sanibel can make a difference in the lives of people around the globe is absolutely mind-boggling. The power and satisfaction that comes from knowing that as Rotarians we are contributing to a better future for so many whose future seems so bleak at best and with just a small hand-up can be so productive and meaningful. Our guest speakers last week, Jack Drury-President of Wheelchair Foundation FL, Southeast Region and Steve Agis-Rotary District 6960 Wheelchair Program Chair generously showed their appreciation to the club for our recent Wheelchair Challenge contribution of \$11,000 (raising \$5,500 by the end of last year (vintage T-shirt sales, Holiday card sales, and happy buck contributions, etc.) and then having that matched by the our Rotary Trust-totalling \$11,000) for the purchase of a cargo container of wheelchairs to be sent to a Rotary designated country that has need for this life-changing piece of medical equipment. Steve had recently returned from a wheelchair distribution trip to Honduras, he said, "Each time I make these trips and participate in the distribution process; it renews my spirit and energy to continue this work. My life is ever changed by being part of this program". Steve also made note of the relief he witnessed in the eyes of the caretakers of the people who received wheelchairs; the responsibility for caring and even sometimes in the carrying of their loved ones for years will now have their own lives changed, as well. An extremely heart-wrenching video from the Wheelchair Foundation was shown, that brought to life visually why there is a need for wheelchairs for so many in third-world and emerging countries-disease, disaster, and military conflict are leading factors in the loss of mobility. Jack announced that our container of wheelchairs will be delivered to a hospital in Kingston, Jamaica sometime late May. The hospital will identify the recipients of the wheelchairs and Rotarians will be in charge of distribution. Sanibel-Captiva Rotary club members have been invited to join this Wheelchair distribution team and some members are considering doing so.



The incredible Steve Agis also heads up our Rotary District 6960 Gift of Life involvement. Rotary's Gift of Life program began in 1975, at that time the primary purpose was to help needy children from developing countries who require corrective heart surgery secure another lease on life through the miracle of open-heart surgery in a Gift of Life participating hospital in the US. Each surgery was done at the minimum cost to the Gift of Life Program for \$5,000 per child; health professionals donated their time and housing and per diem costs were provided by Rotarians. Because of costs and government regulations here in the US these surgeries were suspended for a while and these surgeries and other medical procedures are being performed in qualified hospitals located closer to the regions where patients live. There are now three areas of care: The Diagnostic Screening, Surgical, and Medical Training. Surgical missions require that a team of surgeons, cardiologists, nurses and other healthcare professionals travel to a country where children do not have access to the medical procedures necessary to save their lives. Missions have become more prevalent over the past couple of years. With Gift of Life's focus on establishing sustainable pediatric cardiac surgery programs in developing countries, these missions have become the center point of that effort. The Sanibel-Captiva Rotary presented Steve with a \$5,000 check to continue the amazing work the Gift of Life Program.