

San-Captions

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

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Steve Schlueter

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

"SHARING, IMAGINING, BEING"



HARLEM HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTER VISIT:

Just over a year ago the Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club ventured over-seas (across the Causeway) on a field trip to the construction site of the Harlem Heights Cultural Arts and Community Center. In the middle of a five acre parcel, just off San Carlos Blvd. sat an impressive 14,000-square foot unfinished construction shell; but that was all there was, an empty shell. Construction stopped when a financial pledge of four million dollars to complete the project was withdrawn because of the national downturn in the economy and its impact on the primary financial supporter of the Center.

The challenge for the Heights Foundation, when we visited in February of 2012, was to search out financial support in the community, state, and from federal resources for completion of the project.

Executive Director, Kathryn Kelly and Heights Foundation Board Members, Julie Workman and Victor Mayeron never gave up. They had the vision of a bustling community-center encompassing a myriad of activities: English and Literacy classes, after school and summer camp programs, play groups and Reading Buddies programs, job training, outreach programs, computer learning lab, culinary arts training facilities, a 250 seat theater space with light track and sound booth equipment for theatrical performances, dance classes, and theater arts instruction. The space would also be used for community functions and social gatherings with a full catering kitchen.

Rotarians were so impressed with the impact this center could make in the Harlem Heights Community, that they voted to pledge \$25,000, upon receipt of the center's certificate of occupancy, for the fitting of a general-purpose activities room.

We now can report that Kathryn, along with Heights Board Members and many others

worked diligently on grant writing and fundraising to reach their financial goal and put back into action construction and completion of the Harlem Heights Cultural Arts and Community Center. They reached their goal earlier this year and the construction shell is now a beautiful and colorful completed Harlem Heights Community Center.

Last Friday Rotarians, once again, journeyed over-seas to tour the Community Center in all its splendor. Where once there was a large empty dirt parking lot and a seemingly abandoned construction shell, there now stands a beautiful colorful exciting looking building royally sitting center stage on an impressive green space. This building now welcomes the community in and invites them to participate in a plethora of activities. All classrooms are now open and the Center not only is a home for after-school programs but involved in a number of adult activities and training programs. San-Cap Rotarians were there to present their \$25,000 check and to tour the building. Our Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club, John Grey proudly presented the check. John was so impressed with the Community Center and what it will do for the Harlem Heights Community, that he recently joined the Board of Directors at the Center.

We also invited a number of other local Rotary Clubs to send representatives of their clubs to join us for breakfast, see the facilities, listen to Kathryn outline the types of programs now running at the Center and future plans. Rotary Trust Foundation Member, Chet Sadler is now trying to put together another Rotary matching-grant project with six other local Rotary Club for the Harlem Heights Cultural Arts and Community Center. At the moment this grant is being written to help fit out the kitchen area of the center. Monies are still need in this area and also for light and sound equipment for the theater area.

*Pictures of the Harlem Heights Community Center
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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)

HARLEM HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTER



SPEAKER CORNER

MAY COHN/SADLER RECRUITERS

5/3 GSE Foreign Exchange Students TRINIDAD
 5/10 Rotoract Club-Sandy Scroggins
 5/17 Jeff Tumborello-current trends in foreclosures and the future of real estate value in Lee County.
 5/24 open
 5/31 Club Assembly



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

May 16-19 Rotary 6960 District Conference

MEMBERSHIP NEWS



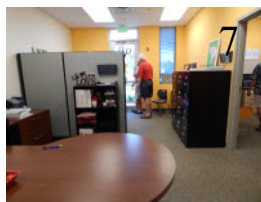
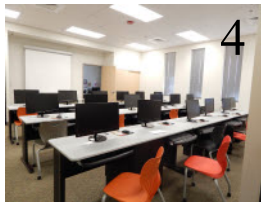
UNDER CONSIDERATION
 FOR SANIBEL-CAPTIVA ROTARY
 MEMBERSHIP
 Tracy Hanson
 Classification-Education
 Founder/CEO
 Next Generation Global Education

DISTRICT CONFERENCE NEWS:

May 16th – 19th, 2013
 Registration is now open!!! Sign up early and join us for the
2013 District 6960 Conference
 which will be held at the Sarasota Hyatt
 plan on joining your
 District Governor Steve Schlueter
 and your other District Rotarian Friends as we
 Celebrate the 2012-2013 Rotary Year!!!
 More Information on District web-site

Makeup Meeting Locations

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 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



Pictures:

1 & 2 Rotary Room, 3 Theater/Auditorium
 4 Computer Room, 5 Early Education,
 6 Kitchen 7 Office 8 Reception Center

JUST A NOTE:

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 ARE ON OUR CLUB WEB-SITE
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 THE NEWS.