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2011-2012 District 6960 Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club  
Organized 1979 \* Chartered March 18, 1980

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## SANIBEL-CAPTIVA ROTARY CLUB

### Board Officers:

**President:** John Grey  
**President Elect:** Scot Congress  
**Vice President:** Bill Rahe  
**Secretary:** Adair Heath  
**Treasurer:** John Danner  
**Sergeant-at-Arms:** Don Russell  
**Past President:** Joel Ospa

### Board of Directors:

**Dan Cohn**  
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**Emily Kletzien**  
**Jack Luiszer**  
**Bunny Ospa**  
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**Lee Almas, Chair**  
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### R.I. PRESIDENT 2012-2013

**SAKUJI TANAKA**

**PEACE THROUGH SERVICE**



### DISTRICT #6960 GOVERNOR

**Steve Schlueter**

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

# "SHARING, IMAGINING, BEING"



# CLUB ASSEMBLY TODAY

Report from District 6960 Rotary Conference 2013:

Our Club Attendees were: Club President, John Grey and Vice President, Bill Rahe  
The Sanibel-Captiva Rotary received two awards at the conference:

**The District Governor's Award**

**R.I. President's Citation for "Peace thru Service"**

has the following criteria:

- A. Club Service
- Community Service
- International Service
- Vocation Service
- New Generation
- B. PR & Awareness
- C. Membership
- D. Rotary Foundation
- E. Qualify for Presidential Citation

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## CONGRATULATIONS TO US!

### BOARD MEETING NEWS:

At this month's Rotary Club Board meeting the following club projects were approved:

\*Joining with English Rotary Club in digging a water-well for the Mary Austin School, Haute St. Marc, Haiti. Total cost of project \$4,900, our share \$2,450.

\*Joining five other District Rotary Clubs in seeking a Rotary District #6960 Simplified Grant for Heights Culinary Center kitchen equipment. Estimated cost is \$2,000 per club. \$12,000 club contribution, \$12,000 matching funds...total of \$24,000  
\*Board voted to offer a matching grant for \$3,500 to club member,

John Danner's "Wheels for Wheels 60 for 60" John will celebrate his 60th birthday by bike riding from Fort Lauderdale to Key West to celebrate his birthday. This ride is dedicated to raising awareness and funds to purchase 60 wheelchairs for the Wheelchair Foundation. John will tell us more today.

**UNDER CONSIDERATION:**  
Joining with other clubs in water project in Guatemala. This is a big project with a cost of around \$120,000. Scot Congress and Bill Rahe are looking into this project.

**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)

## Sanibel Mayor, Kevin Ruane



Living in a small town (city) like Sanibel certainly has its advantages. One of those advantages for everyone is the accessibility of our local government leaders and if you're so inclined even having the opportunity to drop by Sanibel City Hall for the city council meetings or, for that fact, all Sanibel government committee meetings. Recently we have seen Sanibel Mayor, Kevin Ruane and Councilman, Mick Denham out and about visiting and speaking to various clubs and organi-

zations on the Island about land development projects that are under consideration on the Island. Mayor Ruane stopped by our Rotary club meeting to give us a compressed version of how things are going with plans for developing what is being called the "Civic Core" or what some are calling a "Cultural Corridor". As many Islanders sat in the lobby of the Holiday Inn Bell Tower on Friday, August 13, 2004, we anxiously awaited news reports regarding how Hurricane Charley had impacted our Island. The news was not good. Sanibel and Captiva Island had been hit hard and property damages caused havoc on the Island for everyone. Although Kevin had only been on the Island a few years, somehow Kevin got on the Island shortly after the Hurricane had passed. He witnessed the devastation of our Island properties at their worst but he also witnessed how our Islanders were at their best during the cleanup.

Why is that brought up now, well because that was the start of thinking about Island build-back. Many commercial and some private properties built before the City was incorporated realized that they could have lost their ability to build back their properties under the city of Sanibel's land-usage restrictions. Of course for a number of years after the Hurricane just getting the Islands back to normal was the first priority for Sanibel but then city council needed to take a good look at land usage and development; how to handle a disaster build-back, how to repair and update aging and storm impacted properties, how to encourage our business community to update their facilities and other concerns in development on the Island including traffic flow. Sanibel City Council, planning committees, and city staff have worked on these particular items with much input from the community for the last few years and progress and changes have been made in these areas. The City has managed to pay make loans needed after Hurricane Charley; Sanibel now has money in reserve, has balanced the city budgets, and has cut taxes and continues to look forward in serving Island residents in the best way possible.

Mayor Ruane and council are now considering an opportunity to encourage the formation of a new area around City Hall and the Library carved from land currently housing the city's public works department for use as a "Civic Core/Cultural Center" on Sanibel. Many community and non-profit organizations on the Island are in need of updating or rebuilding of their current facilities: BIG ARTS, Sanibel Community House, and Center 4 Life are all in need to improve and expand on their current space. The time is right to consider a proposed plan to encourage these entities to rebuild their facilities somewhere on or near the twenty-six acres of land east of the Sanibel Department of Public

Works to west of the Historical Village identified by the city for a proposed "Civic Core/Cultural Center". Mayor Ruane pictures this as a walkable area with shared use paths and parking pods throughout where you can visit a morning exercise program at the Center 4 Life or SCA, walk over to BIG ARTS for Current Events or visit the art gallery, check out the new exhibits at the Historical Village, pick-up a book at the library, walk down to Palm Ridge for a bite to eat or over to Periwinkle, go to concerts at BIG ARTS or the Sanibel Music Festival and all without moving your car just leisurely strolling or riding your bikes throughout the beautiful park-like setting of the "Sanibel Civic Core/Cultural Center". This "Civic Core/Cultural Center" discussion is just at the preliminary planning stage and lots of public discussion on this topic will take place over the next months but there seems to be a sincere desire to create this Center Core of Island activity and help elevate traffic backups on Periwinkle Way in doing so, by redirecting traffic and encouraging one-stop parking usage in this specially designed new leisure area.

## Makeup Meeting Locations

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Noon - Fort Myers-South...</b> Crown Plaza Bell Tower
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Noon - Estero...</b> Spring Run Country Club <b>Noon - Fort Myers...</b> TBD
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7:30 AM - Bonita Springs...</b> Bonita Bay Club <b>7:30 AM - Fort Myers-East...</b> Beef O'Brady's <b>7:30 AM - Fort Myers Sunrise ...</b> Hilton Garden Inn <b>8:00 AM - Cape Coral...</b> LaVenezia Ballroom <b>6:30 PM - Cape Coral North...</b> Southside Sport Grill
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Noon - Lehigh Acres...Microtell Inn &amp; Suites</b> <b>8:00 AM - North Fort Myers Fishbones</b> at Shell Factory <b>Noon - Bonita Springs...Spanish Wells CC</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>11:45 AM - CapeCoral...Gold Coast...Gulf Coast Village</b>

### JUST A NOTE:

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ARE ON OUR CLUB WEB-SITE

[www.sanibelrotary.org](http://www.sanibelrotary.org). IF YOU ARE OUT OF TOWN, CATCH UP ON  
THE NEWS.

## SPEAKER CORNER

June Recruiters Adair Heath/John Pryor

6/7 Dr. Sandy Cohen, Lee Memorial System Board,  
Pediatric Medicine Education

6/14 Ken Leach, Portland Police Officer, National Alliance  
for Mental Illness. Certified teacher: Crisis Intervention  
Training for Police and Correction Officers

6/21 Emillie Alfino, Dorothy Donaldson, President,  
Historical Society of Sanibel

6/28 Club Assembly-Scot Herzoff and Will Palmer