

San-Captions

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

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President: John Grey
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Vice President: Bill Rahe
Secretary: Adair Heath
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Sergeant-at-Arms: Don Russell
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Joel Ospa, PP

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"



SANIBEL-CAPTIVA ROTARY THIRTY-THIRD INSTALLATION DINNER 2013-2014

The change of venue for our club's thirty-third Installation dinner brought out the best in everyone. The Captiva Yacht Club surroundings provided just the right amount of formality to the occasion and with John Fredericks at the piano welcoming us there was a genuine sense that this evening was just going to be a warm and wonderful occasion.

Thanks goes to Jim LaVelle for securing the Yacht club for us and to Melissa Congress for hosting the evening with Scot and arranging all the details, including selecting our outstanding menu.

After a few libations and a fantastic meal, out-going President John Grey summed up his year in office with humility and praised the work of others. John mentioned his personal growth during this year and encouraged everyone in the club to accept leadership roles in Rotary and made this point... that through your personal service to Rotary you will be the person who receives the most benefit.

Sanibel-Captiva Rotary 2012-2013 Presidential Awards for *Service Above Self*

Chris DeCosta - for taking on a job that nobody does willingly-Road Kill.
Will Palmer - for plunging right in and helping out at the Arts and Crafts Fair before actually becoming a bona fide club member.
Janet Strickland - Membership Activities
Emily Kletzien - Speaker Recruitment
Joel Ospa - Club Web-Site Design & Management
Bill Rahe - presented with a Paul Harris Award from the club for all his time and energy spent making this year's Arts & Crafts Fair a true success.
John Grey also presented Bill with a Paul Harris plus one pin.



In-coming San-Cap Rotary Club President, Scot Congress presents Out-going President, John Grey with a special appreciation plaque from the club and his newly minted official past-President's pin.



In-coming Rotary #6960 District Governor 2013-14, Tim Milligan, couldn't darn his Jedi cape for the swearing in of our newly elected Sanibel-Captiva Rotary club officers for 2013-14 but brought along his ceremonial Jedi Sword to officially bestow the honors.

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New officer terms start in July

YOUR PRESIDENT'S MOTTO FOR 2012-2014 FELLOWSHIP, FUN, AND FUNDRAISING

Scot Congress's first official duty as our 2013-2014 President was to thank John Grey for his year of service as our Club President and to present him with his Past President's lapel pin. After that, he addressed the club and took us on a nostalgic trip through his personal experiences with Rotary over his 30 years as a Sanibel-Captiva Rotarian. The fact is when he first joined Rotary... he was only twenty...not really old enough to be a Rotarian. But who really cared, he was ready and willing to become a member.



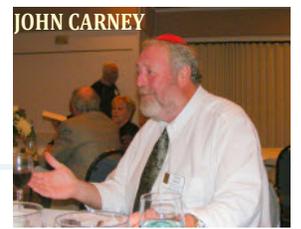
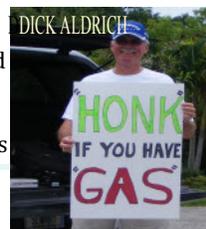
His first job for the club was doing the bulletin, which he produced for a good many years. The only qualification for this job, at the time, own a typewriter. Scot mentioned that there were quite a few spelling and typos errors back then but every week there was a bulletin. He served as club Secretary, Vice President, President 2003, Trust Officer, and Chairman of the Trust Board. He laughed and reminisced about his year as President, when the club held their ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR up at the school (craftsman & artist checked in the same morning of the fair) and simultaneously Rotary held a pancake breakfast at the Community House. If we think we have traffic problems now on Periwinkle, you should have seen it then. City Hall was definitely not happy with Rotary. But folks we earned somewhere around the grand total of \$22,000, that year. We've come a long way baby.

During Scot's term as Chairman of the Rotary Trust Board, the San-Cap Rotary Trust Board voted to make a \$150,000 pledge (over 5 years) commitment to the Sanibel school rebuilding fund. That pledge was satisfied, a few year back and a plaque recognizing our donation hangs in the Sanibel School Cafetorium today.

As with all former officers of our club, there comes a time when you take time-off to recharge the batteries and during that time you may wander off. That happened to Scot. He wasn't really that involved in doing much for the club for a number of years but then his very close friend Rotarian, Dick Aldrich, died suddenly. Dick had been an active Sanibel-Captiva Rotarian for many years and served in many capacities but most of us remember Dick at the front desk checking everyone in and he loved doing it. Scot decided to honor Dick by taking over the duties at the desk and that's where we see him most Friday mornings, right up to now.

There was another Rotarian that Scot wanted to credit with his recommitment to the club...John Carney. Scot remembers that there was a time, when he got upset with something going on in the club and wanted to just quit. John Carney sensed this and after a tense meeting followed Scot to his car and the two of them talked it out. John said, "Scot, you only get out of Rotary, what you put in" that statement

brought Scot to realize he needed to get more involved, not less. And the beat goes on!



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

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 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

SPEAKER CORNER

APRIL CARNERY/ALMAS RECRUITERS

4/19 Dr. Sidney Simon

How to leave a legacy... more than just money.

4/26 Meeting & Breakfast at Heights Community Center

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

April 26th (Friday)

Breakfast Meeting Harlem Heights
Community Center

May 16-19 Rotary 6960 District Conference

ROAD KILL

THIRD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
APRIL 20, 2013

BRING A FRIEND, NEIGHBOR, OR CO-WORKER
TO JOIN US AT AN UPCOMING MEETING. LET
THEM SEE FOR THEMSELVES WHAT A GREAT
CLUB WE HAVE...

ROTARY PAINTS A PRETTY PICTURE

Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Trust Foundation member, Chet Sadler presented a \$500 check to Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) Arts Complex Acting Director, Anka Sturdivant recently in support of the University's 2013 Annual Juried Student Art Exhibition. As emerging artists, students must be completely committed to give their best effort in producing their art. Student competitions are the entry level to the art world and art students must begin now to meet those demands of professionalism if they desire to advance and be successful.

This annual presentation of selected student art is always a popular event. The competitive exhibition gives Florida Gulf Coast University students a chance to show off their talent, have their work juried by their faculty and - in a few cases - take home some prizes. Sanibel-Captiva Rotary believes in supporting youth leaders in all their chosen fields and wishes them a bright future ahead.



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

UNDER CONSIDERATION
FOR SANIBEL-CAPTIVA ROTARY
MEMBERSHIP



Tracy Hanson
Classification-Education
Founder/CEO
Next Generation Global Education

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

ROTARY SERVICE IS FAMILY AFFAIR



The recent Rotary meeting about our Rotary International President's Theme *Peace Through Service* seemed to cover that topic pretty well but newly transferred Rotarian, Roger Thriftshouser wanted to bring to the club's attention the fact that many Rotary families across the globe participate in Rotary's Student Exchange Program and that this program is instrumental in building trust and friendship among a global village of tomorrow's leaders. This definitely promotes *Peace Through Service*. This program provides a platform for educational learning, as well as learning about the people and culture of a new country. The students become ambassadorial representatives of their own country. For over 75 years, students and host families have broadened their horizons through Rotary Student Exchange. More than 80 countries and over 8,000 students each year participate in the program, which is administered at the regional level by Rotary districts and at the local level by Rotary clubs.

Why did Roger bring this up? Well how about this for a reason, the Thriftshouser Family-Roger, his wife Jo-Ann and their four children Gretchen, Kristen, Erin and Eric had the great fortune of welcoming seven...yes, seven!!!...Rotary exchange students in their home: Shirley Farqueson, Australia; Katri Tillia, Finland; Sten Barnekow, Sweden; Helene Barnekow, Sweden; Per Thorell, Sweden; Marcia Alavrenga, Brazil; and Gustavo Vacchiano, Brazil. Oh folks it doesn't stop there; Roger's daughter Kristen participated in a Rotary Student Exchange program for a year in Brazil and daughter Erin spent two summers in Sweden. Roger and JoAnn enthusiastically support and advocate this most worthwhile program, which never really ends, as their exchange students return for visits and his family has visited exchange students homes. Roger acknowledges that this FAMILY AFFAIR is their quest toward furthering WORLD PEACE.

GET YOUR INSURANCE POLICIES OUT...LIKE NOW!

Most Islanders (especially our snowbirds residents) have, by this time, thought about the upcoming Hurricane Season and have secured their hurricane passes from City Hall. Hurricane preparation goes way beyond that and one item on your list to make sure you get done before a disaster strikes, whether it's a hurricane, fire, or a flood; is to get out all your insurance policies; review them and take pictures of your current residence and its contents. Know where these policies are and make sure you are keeping them in a safe place.



Dennis Schofield, an independent insurance claims adjuster here on the Island, spoke to Rotary recently regarding how important it is to read those policies and understand that you must comply with all covenants of that policy, if you expect to receive payment for damages. Many insurance companies protect their financial profits by making certain policyholder's claims are examined with company policy in mind. This usually means sending out a company insurance adjuster to investigate your claim, how and when your damage was done and your personal responsibility in handling of the situation. Dennis said, "20% of claims are denied because clients don't comply with the insurance policy contract." Policy language is sometimes confusing, maybe by design.

A recent case that Dennis worked on regarded the home of an Island snowbird. The damage was done, when he was not in residence for an extended period of time and the insurance company denied the claim. Why? The insurance policy had a thirty-day vacancy clause in it and concluded that damage was done during the time the property was vacant for more than thirty days. Well, not so fast, Dennis and his company challenged that clause by providing records from the property owner's caretaker regarding the property and found that the property was not truly vacant according to the policy ruling. Interpretation of policy clauses are tricky, they are written in policy language and unless you know how to read that language you may not collect denied reimbursement for damages or be given a low-ball figures on damages. That is when you contact your own independent Insurance Adjuster.

Another claims case involved a condo blockage in the sewer pipeline. There was some dispute as to who was responsible for the damage within the condos. The Insurance Company's position...no coverage for condo damage. Not so fast, Dennis investigated and found a case law decision that superseded that position. The law has a different definition of what is considered sewer pipe damage and how the term is defined. Case reopened and case law prevailed.

All insurance policies have clauses that outline policyholder responsibilities, when a disaster happens. The example Dennis gave was of damage after a water leak...immediately shut-off the water, call insurance agent or even better call direct to the claims office, make reasonable repairs to mitigate further damage, and allow agent to have responsible inspection of the property. Start on the right foot with the insurance company. Make sure you read and review your responsibilities in the case of damages; your actions can be called into question.

If you are denied or the damages paid not the full value of the repairs...that is the time to hire your own adjuster. They have a storehouse of information; they understand policy language, and knowledge of case law to draw on. The Public Adjuster puts together the proof in a comprehensible presentation to the insurance and will most likely help in reversing the insurance companies denial.

Back to Hurricane damages...While an insurance company adjuster will contact you as soon as possible, priority is given to the most severe losses. Be aware that larger hurricane claims will be settled in stages, not all at once. Compile pictures of the property before the hurricane damage to provide to the insurance company adjuster. Create a list of all of your damaged personal property to include description, age, original cost, place of purchase and estimated replacement cost. If you have any receipts or canceled checks for the items include them on the list. Most homeowners and dwelling policies coverage is provided for additional living expenses. If the home is uninhabitable due to hurricane damage covered by your policy, most insurers will reimburse you for the reasonable expenses incurred over and above your normal living costs.