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"Engage Rotary/Change Lives"

Waiting for logo design

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"Make a World of Difference"

SAN-CAP ROTARY CLUB 2013-14 PRESIDENT'S THEME

Waiting for theme announcement.



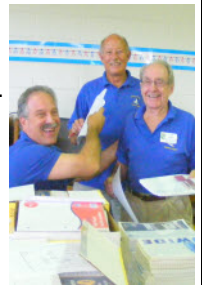
SERVICE ABOVE SELF

BACKPACKS, NOTEBOOKS, CRAYONS, OH MY!

Sanibel-Captiva Rotary and Target volunteers were on hand at the Harlem Heights Community Center last Friday afternoon. The Harlem Heights School Supply Disbursement Event drew 350 to 400 low-income children all in need of school supplies for a successful school year ahead. School supplies lists in hand and brand new back-

packs to fill, the kids were aided by the volunteers in selecting their grade-appropriate supplies from kindergarten to middle school.

Thanks to all our Rotary Volunteers: Mike Rabb, Will Palmer & wife, Bunny Ospa, Frank Hagan, Chet Sadler, Bob Guggino, & Shirley Jewell



UPCOMING SPEAKERS:

- 8/2 Installation of New Member, Jack Alexander
- Katlin Upton, Rotary's S4TL New Membership Procedure Announced
- 8/9 Ann Bradley Captiva Memorial Library
- 8/16 Kevin Vertesch, past President of the Sanibel Fishing Club and winner of the Fisherman of the year award 7 times
- 8/23 Justin McBride
- 8/30 Sharon & Jerry Miller, Founders of Trailways Camp

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...

MEMBER NEWS & NOTES:

HAPPY 60th BIRTHDAY AND GOD SPEED TO ROTARIAN, JOHN DANNER ON HIS 60/60 BIKE RIDE THIS WEEKEND FOR THE WHEELCHAIR FOUNDATION. JOHN ANNOUNCED LAST WEEK THAT MONIES ALREADY PLEDGED FOR THIS RIDE AMOUNTED TO \$13,000 BEFORE MATCH OF \$3,500 BY OUR ROTARY CLUB.

Quote of the week by Dan Cohn:

"Ohio State could save money on team pictures by having them done by the Police Department". Don Russell didn't think this was funny.

No Bulletins for the next two weeks. Shirl on vacation.

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-Captiva double-header last week. Two speakers with different messaging but both programs providing an educational opportunity that provides a future for those that participate.



CEO and President of Disabled Veterans Insurance Careers, Inc. Gary Bryant, Lt. Col., U.S. Army Retired spoke to the club about the DVIC a U.S. disabled military veterans training and job placement opportunity program.

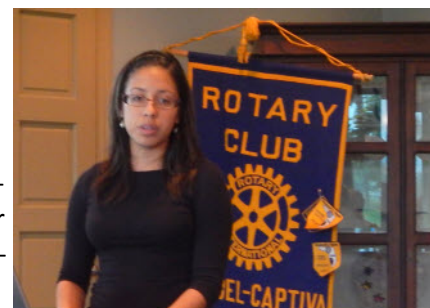
Gary retired from active military duty, after 20 years serving our country. A career highlight, was serving in headquarters of U.S. Central Command, in Saudi Arabia on the staff of General Norman Schwarzkopf during Desert Shield and Desert Storm. After retiring from the Army, he spent five years as officer in charge of the Jr. ROTC program for the School District of Lee County until 1999. Then serving as President and CEO of Good Wheels, Inc. a not-for profit agency in Ft. Myers serving the disabled and disadvantaged; during this time he was appointed to serve on the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged and was elected to the statewide office of President, Florida Association of Community Transportation Systems. This information is not mentioned to promote Gary's reputation but to give background for his passion and commitment for the cause he now represents with the DVIC.

Many of our returning military veterans are returning home with life-changing disabilities. For them finding a purposeful life beyond the military is a major challenge and job opportunities are limited. The Disabled Veterans Insurance Careers, Inc. was founded in Fort Myers in 2011 by founding members connected with the insurance industry. The vision of this NPO is to provide meaningful employment opportunities in the Insurance business for professional licensed trained sales and support staffs who are disabled veterans with physical disabilities.

Transition from combat integrating back into normal society takes a toll on many of our veterans but non-more so than the disabled. DVIC works with these disabled and provides opportunity to enter a new phase of their lives with dignity. This organization realizes that many of our returning disabled men and women have mobility problems. They have designed a program that uses computer technology to provide all training at home. Given these electronic means of communicating, the physical workplace challenges and burdens that are often associated with a disabled person will be minimized if not eliminated.

In short, DVIC's business model embraces a virtual office so that the disabled veteran will be able to work at/from home or other remote location. This unique, virtual office aspect mimics the virtual classroom in which disabled veterans will be educated and trained. The combination of a virtual classroom and subsequent virtual office makes this DVIC endeavor perfect for disabled veterans. The per person cost of setting up a home office for the veteran and all training material and support is \$50,000. Currently the organization has twenty-five participates, seventy-five percent are estimated to achieve the goal of completing the year course, receiving their insurance agent licenses, and job placement. Financial support for the program presently comes from donations and grants, it's future will lie with its success and possible Insurance Company support.

The Sanibel-Captiva Rotary welcomed back Veronica Valencia our Dick Aldrich Scholarship winner and got a chance to catch up with her before she headed back to University of South Florida for her Junior year. Veronica is absolutely the most impressive young



women you could meet and her determination to succeed in life is absolutely evident by her approach to learning. She not only is an outstanding student but her ability to find ways to expand on her knowledge through involvement with programs offered through the school have broadened her horizons for the future. This summer she spent six weeks in China participating in USF's Tier 1 China Learning & Cultural Exchange program. This is a full emergence program; no hand holding by the professor. The students have studied the Chinese language so they are expected to use that language...no translators...during classroom work and while participating in all travel experiences. They are expected to socialize, engage, and study all while speaking Chinese. Veronica is planning on a career in the medical profession and hopes her ability to speak several languages will broaden her opportunities in the future.

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