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ROTARY SPEAKER SCHEDULE SERIES 2017

MARCH Coordinators:

John Danner and EJ Neafsey

- 2 Rabbi Jim Rudin: "Who was General Robert E. Lee?"
- 9 Dorrie Hipschmann: "What's New at the Shell Museum"
- 16 Prez Holli's Special Super Fun Activity...WILL BEGIN AT 7:15 AM
- 23 Dana Dettmar, Sanibel Natural Resources: "Floating Treatment Wetlands"
- 30 Classification Talks

APRIL Coordinators:

Jonathan Dean and Dick Salerno

- 6 Animal Refuge Center speaker. Name and topic to follow
- 13 Anne-Marie Bouche, Art History Professor at FGCU: "Our Students, Our Legacy: Shaping College Education in the 21st Century"
- 20 Speaker from Marco Island Historical Museum
- 27 Ren Salerno, Director, Division of Lab. Systems, CDC: "Reducing Diagnostic Error"

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

TODAY- Induction of new Sanibel-Captiva Rotary member-
Michele Wernsing -classification/non-profit management-
Club Sponsor-Eldon Bohrofen

Snapshot of Michele's work & life experience...Michele Wernsing...For 32 years, Michele served as the CEO of Our House, Inc., a nonprofit organization, providing a full range of housing supports and services for people with developmental and other disabilities in New Jersey. Under her leadership, the organization developed 35 homes and apartments for people with developmental disabilities. She created a nationally recognized employment services department that provides job development, placement and training to over 250 individuals with mental health challenges, additions and developmental disabilities and established a school to work transition program helping students to obtain sustainable employment.

With Board approval the following individual is under consideration for Sanibel Captiva Rotary membership:

Annie Campbell-classification/non-profit development management-
Club Sponsor-Shirley Jewell

Snapshot of Annie's work & life experience...Annie Campbell...Annie is the Development Manager of BIG ARTS. She started that position in May 2016. Along with her professional position at BIG ARTS, she currently serves on the Board of Directors for Eva's Closet and Foundation. She is a member of the Young Professionals of Sanibel and Captiva. Prior to her position at BA, Annie served as Development Director for PACE Center for Girls in Immokalee, Community Director for the March of Dimes, and has also served on several nonprofit boards, including: the Board of Directors of Child and Family Services, Artists Creating Together, Third Level Crisis Center, and Benzie Housing Council.

**ROTARY
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**ROTARY DISTRICT
#6960 GOVERNOR
2017-2018
Bobbi Bird**



**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)**

FOR ALL ROTARIANS,

If you have a candidate for this year's Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club **Vocational Service Award**, please get that information to Bill Rahe immediately...

DEADLINE LOOMING...MARCH 1ST.

REMINDER: OUR CLUB IS LOOKING FOR TWO CANDIDATES TO ATTEND THE ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE LEADERSHIP AWARDS PROGRAM IN LAKE PLACID, FL – DATES APRIL 12-15TH.

THIS PROGRAM IS FOR CURRENT HIGH SCHOOL FRESHMEN OR SOPHOMORES

For more information talk to Prez Holli

ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

San Cap Rotary club now accepting applications for scholarships. Must be college bound senior or current college student. Preference given to applicants with demonstrable financial need and who reside on Sanibel or Captiva or whose parents work on the islands. Applications available on line @ www.sanibelrotary.org or call Dan Cohn @ 470-1342 for information.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

MARCH 2...SHELL FESTIVAL...PARKING...if you can help contact Lee Almas.

MARCH 31...CHILDREN'S EDUCATION CENTER OF THE ISLANDS...PARKING...if you can help contact Cindy DeCosta

Needed:

Fourth of July Parade Float Coordinator. Walter Jones has generously volunteered his driveway for the decorating do need someone to volunteer to coordinate the float design/decorating. Please let John Danner or me know if you're up to this super-fun task! Bill Rahe will not be in town but has some ideas for a float.

Drivers are needed to transport this year's **S4TL candidate** to Florida Southern College in Lakeland (see more info below). The first driver is needed on Sunday, June 17 and the return driver are needed on June 23rd. Please let me know if you are willing to assist.

Important Dates Coming Up:

- ✓ **"Dames at Sea" Thursday, March 8th, 6:30 p.m. reception 7:30 p.m. show.**
- ✓ **Trust Board Meeting 8 a.m. Wednesday, March 21st at Chris DeCosta's office.**
- ✓ **Jack Alexander will be hosting a Rotary Super-Fun Potluck at his house on Friday, March 30th. More details to come.**
- ✓ **The 2018-2019 Officer Installation Dinner will be held on Monday, April 9th at the Sanibel Community House. More details to come soon.**
- ✓ **Our Rotary Super-Fun Beach Sunset Party has been rescheduled to 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 14th. More details to come.**

SPEAKER NOTES FROM 2/23/18

The business portion of our meeting last week was rather long, and I wondered if our speaker that morning would have enough time to present his program, but no fear here. Dan Perkins, founder and president of the non-profit foundation "Songs and Stories for Soldiers" was up to the task. Dan didn't need a power-point presentation, a video, or a prepared script to explain what his non-profit is about. He spoke from the heart.

Although Dan retired from a rewarding financial career and has written a number of books, he was still driven to do something more. A service veteran himself, Dan had a calling and a passion for helping fellow veterans returning from the front lines of war and trying to cope with being back home. There are those that have obvious bodily war injuries and those that have the hidden terror of mental stress from being on the front lines. Dan said, "We know the price every active duty member of the armed forces pays. We want them to know we are working to do something for them."

Dan had an epiphany moment. It was simple, but it was brilliant. Music, voice, a presence in the dark lonely hours can sooth all of us. Dan gave us some statistic that are eye-opening: Veterans commit suicide 4X greater then general population, women veterans suicide 12X greater, currently 600,000 veterans suffer with PTSD, reports that 55% of active duty women in the arm services have been sexually assaulted but they are less likely to use veteran's services for help. Our men and women veterans have made some remarkable sacrifices for our country, in some small way we should pay them back by helping them when we can.

Dan realized the struggles presenting themselves to returning veterans, struggles with PTSD, sleep deprivation, depression, loneliness, homelessness and thoughts of suicide. Sometimes those lonely hours are unbearable...distraction of the mind can help. "Plagued by unimaginable sights that are rerun over and over in their minds, they are thrust into a world with mixed emotions about our entanglement in foreign wars. Many are finding it difficult to adjust to what was once their "normal life." Every day in America 22 veterans commit suicide. We lose more veterans to PTSD suicide than we have from the battles in which they fought".

Dan then held up quietly a small clear plastic package with a programable MP3 player inside preloaded with music, books on tape, old radio programs, and more. This small package, this simple device THIS DOES HELP! "Songs and Stories for Soldiers" distributes MP3 packages free to veterans and injured active duty men and women in hospitals who are trying to return to normal life. These MP3 players can also be personalized with programable media matter. The MP3 player fits in a small pocket or back-pack, something that can be carried with you no matter where you go, and something that can keep you company and quiet your mind when need be.

From Dan's handout, "In just four years, "Songs and Stories" is partnering with 81 VA hospitals, clinics, community centers, Veteran Centers, and homeless shelters. They have distributed over 13,000 MP3 players to veterans, helping them deal with the effects of Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), Post Traumatic Stress Disorder(PTSD), Sleep Deprivation, Suicide Prevention and many other health issues. Our motto is "Getting Soldiers Safely to Dawn" In other words, a full night's sleep where there has not been one, sometimes for years."

All Rotarians were completely impressed. Such a BRILLIANT Idea with such a far-reaching result. For more information regarding "Song and Stories for Soldiers" check out their web-site.