



# San-Captions

1/26/18

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District 6960 Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club Organized 1979  
Chartered March 18, 1980

### Get all our club news on these

**Social Media Platforms view or join us on:**  
Web-site: [www.sanibelrotary.org](http://www.sanibelrotary.org)  
FACEBOOK: Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club  
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### ROTARY SPEAKER SCHEDULE SERIES 2017:

**JANUARY 2018 Coordinator: Mary Schoeffel**  
26 Dr. Heather Barron, Hospital Director, CROW  
**FEBRUARY 2018 Coordinators: Roger Triftshauser and Clair Beckmann**  
2 Lee Ellen Harder Big Arts Update  
9 Penny Rambacher "Miracles in Action: The Ripple Effect"  
**16 No speaker. Arts Fair Setup**  
23 Dan Perkins: "Songs and Stories for Soldiers"

### UPCOMING CLUB DATES TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR:

1/27 Road Kill...8 a.m. Meet at the Carlton-Naumann Construction office.

### MEMBERSHIP NEWS

With Board approval the following individuals are under consideration for Sanibel-Captiva Rotary membership:

**Michele A. Wernsing – classification/non-profit management**  
Club sponsor...Eldon Bohrofen  
**Thomas A. Lisle – classification/manufacturing consultant**  
Club sponsor...Eldon Bohrofen

If club members have any concerns or questions regarding these member candidates, you have seven days from now to bring those concerns to the attention of Membership Chair, 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.**

**Snapshot of Thomas's work and life experience...Thomas holds degrees in Engineering and Law at the U of MD. He held several jobs as an engineer and patent attorney. Eventually joining the Eaton Corp. in Cleveland, first in patent law, later in domestic and international M&A, finally overseeing Eaton's business in Asia.**  
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**ROTARY  
PRESIDENT 2017-18  
Ian H. S. Riseley**



**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)**

### Con't Membership News...

Thomas Lisle snapshot...In the 80's Thomas left the multi-national corporate world to acquire, with a partner, the powerboat manufacturer, CRUISERS, INC., and establish an industrial composites company in northeast Wisconsin. Now retired but still active in various aspects of business.

Rotarian, Ed Wheeler received on 1/5/17, with all the pomp and circumstances, his first Paul Harris Award from John Schwandke



### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

#### **SPECIAL ARTS & CRAFTS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES...**

- T-SHIRT BOOTH...SIGN-UP WITH RACHAEL
- SILENT AUCTION SET-UP...SIGN-UP WITH CLAIRE

- **WEEKLY MEETING-CHECK-IN DESK NEEDS HELP** ...Please, let Barb Ellis or Holli know if you are willing to help at 6:15 a.m. each Friday. Barb can be reached at [Bethanybae@aol.com](mailto:Bethanybae@aol.com) or 239-579-0155.
- **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE UPCOMING 2018 SANIBEL CAPTIVA HEART WALK** on January 28<sup>th</sup>. The festivities begin at 2 p.m., with the walk starting at 3 p.m. Volunteers needed to assist in taking down booths and tents. The location is across from Bailey's. Please let Holli know if you can help.

**SPEAKER NOTES FOR JANUARY 19, 2018 GREAT CALSA BLUEWAY...** It's no surprise that all of us on Sanibel and Captiva live here because of the natural beauty of the Islands that beckoned us to live here and take up residency. We are a caring community that feels a responsibility to protect our environment and its ecology for generations to come. Residents and visitors alike come here to enjoy the incredible weather, beautiful white sandy beaches, and the amazing array of marine and wildlife, lush tropical fauna and flora, shells galore, and the opportunity to spend a great deal of time outside. An integral part of our Islands environment and throughout Lee county are our coastal waters and bays, inland tributaries, and the Caloosahatchee River. Caring about the natural environment starts with observation and our guest speaker at the January 19<sup>th</sup> Rotary meeting was Mike Hammond, the Calusa Blueway Coordinator for Lee County Parks and Recreation told us how that experience can be had while paddling a kayak or canoe on the Great Calusa Blueway.

The what? The Great Calusa Blueway is a 109-mile mapped out and well-marked paddling trail in Lee County described as having three distinct observation regions of our water's natural environment where you can paddle through the very waters the Southwest Calusa Indians lived, traveled, and fished in the Gulf of Mexico's coastal waters, inland tributaries, back bays, and mangrove jungles.

Mike emphasized that, "an important part of any adventure on the water is having a map or chart that gives information about the waterways you are traveling". The Great Calusa Blueway has one with all kinds of important advice for having a safe and enjoyable experience on the paddling trail. Information can be found at [www.calusablueway.com](http://www.calusablueway.com). Paddlers of all experience levels, including those who have never held a paddle, can choose a trail and explore the unspoiled beauty, history and abundant natural habitats along the Great Calusa Blueway. Check experience levels for different parts of the Blueway before starting your adventure. Paddling around Lover's Key, Fort Myers Beach and Tarpon Bay, Sanibel are outstanding area for beginners.



Mike told us, "The first Calusa Blueway region is along Estero Bay, where the beauty of the natural wonders presents itself to paddlers with amazing opportunities to view the wonderful shore birds, dolphins, and manatees". Start your adventure at Lover's Key State Park (you can rent Kayaks there) or the Mound House in Fort Myers Beach and plan to paddle to Mound Key Archaeological State Park in Estero Bay. A self-guided trail on the island describes how the Calusa lived, building shelters and pyramids of shells, canals and dugout canoes for traveling the waterways. This is a beautiful area to explore and get a history lesson to boot.

The second region of the GCB is along Pine Island Sound and Pine Island reaching west to the barrier islands of Sanibel and Captiva. From open water to tidal creeks, and the protected waters within the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Sanibel Island, these trails are tranquil and peaceful, the perfect place to relax and enjoy nature at its best.

The Caloosahatchee River is the third region of the GCB. Where you can explore creeks and feeder rivers. There you can experience Old Florida with its large oak trees draped with Spanish moss filtering out the bright sun but providing an amazing glimpse of the natural environment that is preserved from years gone by. Nature provides the show and you never know what you will see of the wildlife that inhabits these hidden gem waterways.

There is an abundance of remarkable outdoor activities going on along the GCB from Sunday Fundays to the yearly Calusa Blueway Paddling Festival every November. Check their web-site for more information on that.

Start paddling right here on Sanibel...ride your bike up to Tarpon Bay Explorer Nature Tours and Rentals, on Tarpon Bay Rd, Sanibel and they'll set you up. This is an experience that the whole family can enjoy together, let them experience and observe the beauty and enchantment of nature. Protecting the environment will soon be in their hands, it's our job to put it in their hearts.

Rotary International President-elect Ian H.S. Riseley 2017-18 said it best "protecting the environment and curbing climate change are essential to Rotary's goals of sustainable service. Environmental degradation and global climate change are serious threats to everyone"

### **ROTARY THEATER PARTY...MARCH 8, 2018 "DAMES AT SEA" SOLD OUT OF OUR GROUP RATE TICKETS**

Ticket reservations CONFIRMED:

Raho 2, Anderson 2, Schwanke 2, Tober 2 Pd, Rahe 2, Harkey 2 Pd, Ospa 2 Pd, Martin 2, Green 2, Lavelle 2 Pd, Goodman 2 Pd, Korn 2 Pd, Sadler 2 Pd, Cummings 2 Pd., Guests of Shirley 6. **MAKE CHECKS OUT TO SAN-CAP ROTARY ASAP but GIVE TO SHIRLEY**

