



San-Captions

1/10/18

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

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Web-site: www.sanibelrotary.org
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ROTARY SPEAKER SCHEDULE SERIES 2017:

JANUARY 2018 Coordinator: Mary Schoeffel
TODAY... Jim Williams Director of flight operations and safety, Western Michigan University School of Aviation at Punta Gorda
19 Mike Hammond Calusa Blueway Coordinator, Lee County Parks and Recreation

UPCOMING DATES TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR

TOMORROW... January 13th (SAT) SUNSET BEACH PARTY AT SANIBEL BEACH ACCESS 5 ...4:30 PM– beverages provided. Bring appetizers to share, chairs, flashlight, & bug spray.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Welcome new Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Member, Scott Mowry

Pic...Eldon Bohrofen-Membership Chair, Scott Mowry-New Member, James Davis-Scott's Rotary Sponsor.



ROTARY PRESIDENT 2017-18
Ian H. S. Riseley



ROTARY DISTRICT #6960 GOVERNOR 2017-2018
Bobbi Bird



Trent Peake returns to work on Island at Pfeifer Realty and has been reinstated as a Sanibel-Captiva Rotary member.

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)



MARCH 8, 2018...

**San-Cap Rotary Theater Night
at the BIG ARTS Strauss Theater, Sanibel**

“DAMES AT SEA” OPENING NIGHT

6:30 PM OPENING NIGHT RECEPTION

7:30 PM SHOW TIME at BIG ARTS

GROUP TICKET PRICE \$39 + TAXES



Please, reserve your seat asap by e-mailing srjewell@embarqmail.com **STILL TAKING RESERVATIONS**

Ticket reservations as of now: Raho 2, Anderson 2, Schwanke 2, Tober 2, Rahe 2, Carney 2, Harkey 2, Goodman 2, Ospa 2, Martin 2, Green 2, Guests of Shirley 6. **IF YOU DON'T SEE YOUR NAME HERE AND E-MAILED ME...TALK TO BE TODAY.**

SPEAKER NOTES 1/5/18 ...There was a lot of energy in the room last Rotary club meeting, don't know if it was the weather outside or the blast of snowbird Rotarians returning for season. They are an impressive group of dedicated Rotarians already joining club members in the planning of our upcoming Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Arts & Crafts Fair, President's weekend – Saturday, February 17th and Sunday, February 18th. Proceeds from this Arts and Crafts Fair allows our Rotary club to fund many local community non-profit projects. Sanibel-Captiva Rotary was proud to have financially contributed to the rebuilding of the Sanibel Community House with club funding of \$75,000 over five years and Snowbird Rotarian funding of \$25,000 but we also go further with our financial support dollars within our local community on Island, in Lee County, and in Southwest Florida. One of the projects Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club financially invested in 2017 was a project spearheaded by the Sunrise Rotary Club, Fort Myers, and joining four other of Rotary Clubs in the area participating in the future of our neighboring community of Pine Manor, Fort Myers. Invited this week to speak to the club was Robin Gretz, Pine Manor Improvement Association President and Sunrise Rotary Club member.

The Pine Manor Community has come a long way, baby. At one time, this area of Fort Myers was called Crime Manor. It didn't start off that way. Pine Manor was developed to house young professionals by providing affordable housing in the area. However, as time went by these professionals could afford larger homes and they moved to other communities. This affordable housing area was aging and less desirable for ownership but did fill the housing gap for renters and lower income people. Unfortunately, a crime element moved in too, Pine Manor became a neighborhood where many people were afraid to live, visit, or travel through. Something had to be done. Families lived there, young and old lived there and they were struggling to maintain a safe environment to live and grow up in.

The police and government agencies were trying to help. However, the community needed their own advocates and that is when the Pine Manor Improvement Association stepped up and developed an incredible idea. The idea came somewhat out of necessity, the Pine Manor neighborhood was a food desert – meaning there were no nearby grocer or convenience stores to buy food, residents had to struggle to bring food into the house. How about using some of the vacate overgrown land in the neighborhood to create a community garden space? The Pine Manor Improvement Association sought help from government and private sources to help seed this project with funding. In 2014 the association received a government grant of \$24,000 to help with this project.

Today the Pine Manor community garden houses 25 garden plots/boxes and more planned for the future. Amazing things are happening. Residents have taken the neighborhood back from the thugs. Residents are prideful of their gardens and the community spirit is rising. Neighbors work alongside of neighbors creating a caring community toward each other. Gardeners grow their own food, share some of that with others in the neighborhood, and even supplement their incomes by selling fruits and vegetable at local farmers markets.

The Improvement Association has also opened a Culinary Program, open to the community-at-large, to educate kitchen professionals for Southwest Florida's ever-growing restaurant business. The Community gardens often supplies fruits, vegetables, and herbs to the Culinary Program. Graduates are in demand and provide a career path for young people in the neighborhood. The culinary kitchen is also used to teach nutrition and other food related classes. One resident of Pine Manor uses the kitchen to bake dog biscuits to sell at Farmer's Markets...wow, what an idea.

In 2016 the Improvement Association acquired and cleared land adjacent to the community gardens and Hunter Park... viewable from Summerlin Rd... to create a designated Food Forest area in Pine Manor. Residents of Pine Manor and volunteers from neighboring areas are coming together to plant tropical fruit trees. Florida Gulf Coast University environmental science students and other students at the university have been instrumental in this project and have taken a vested interest in its success.

People are not afraid to go into Pine Manor any more, well maybe some people...thugs. Pine Manor residents have taken control of their neighborhood, maybe the new moniker for the neighborhood should be Pine Manor the Green Acres of Fort Myers.



REACTION TO SELECTED ART WORK FOR 2018 ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR T-SHIRT DESIGN — ORIGINAL ART WORK “IKKI HERON” BY IKKI MATSUMOTO. DIGITALLY PRESERVED WITH ADDITION OF ROTARY A&C FAIR FONT.

WOW, I LOVE IT! FANTASTIC! NICE WORK!

We will be doing a unisex T with the design on the back and Fair logo front left chest, a women's v-neck with design on the front, and a denim shirt with design on the back and Fair logo embroidered on front left chest.

SIGNUP TO VOLUNTEER AT T-SHIRT BOOTH WITH RACHEL