

NO ROTARY CLUB MEETING ON NOVEMBER 23RD

11-16-18



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District 6960 Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club Organized 1979

Chartered March 18, 1980

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PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF:

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH CLUB SUPER FUN HAPPY HOUR
More info. to come From Holli today...

ROTARY SPEAKER SCHEDULE 2018

NOVEMBER COORDINATORS: BILL RAHE AND BARB ELLIS

16 Roxanne Dyer-Executive Dir Guardian ad Litem Foundation

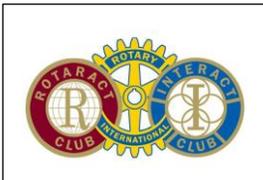
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30 Dr. Cyndi Deragon, Periodontist - "Mission of Mercy"

PLANNING AHEAD...Rotary Holiday Party...December 4nd, St. Charles Yacht Club...Hosts for the evening Rachel Tritack and John & Joleen Raho

Club Super Fun Happy Dinner...January 8th More info. to come.

YOUTH SERVICE COMMITTEE UPDATES:



The new SANIBEL SCHOOL- INTERACT CLUB - is off and running. Rotarians, Barbara Ellis and Joleen Raho processed all the necessary Rotary International paperwork to form the Interact club at the school and with help from Sanibel School Principal, Charles Vilardi recruited Middle School social studies teacher, Edna Dykhuizen to be club advisor. Ms. Edna was invited to our meeting last week for an introduction to San-Cap Rotarians and surprised us by bringing along one of the recently selected club officers...vice president, Bailey Drobynk. Club officers had chosen as their first community service project our "Meals of Hope" food packing event last Saturday morning. Twenty plus students turned out to work at the event.



The FSW **ROTARACT CLUB** was reinstated this school year with the help of five area Rotary Clubs, including San-Cap Rotary represented by John Schwandke. Their initial meeting has already taken place and student, Alexander Eveland has been selected as FSW's Rotaract President Designate. More to come from this club.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
PRESIDENT 2018-19
Barry Rassin



ROTARY DISTRICT
#6960 GOVERNOR
2018-19
Sandra Hemstead



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)



On Saturday, 11/10, Sanibel-Captiva Rotary and the Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ sponsored a "Meals of Hope" meal packing event with a gathering of 100 plus volunteers at the ready. The goal of this event was to package up a total of 25,000 meals for distribution by the "Feeding America Food Bank Network" to victims of natural disasters in America in their greatest time of need and to food banks, food pantries, and economically depressed areas around the country. Rotarians, Sanibel School Rotary Interact club members and their advisor, church members, church youth group members, our San-Cap Rotary Youth Exchange student from Taiwan, and community members at-large accomplished the goal in just two hours. **Thank You, all...job well done.**

"Rotary in Action" is the catch-phrase this year for letting everyone know what Rotarians are doing in their community and beyond. Well, this past weekend Rotarians were an extremely busy group. Friday morning's meeting with Rotarian, Roger Triftshauer as our speaker-A Salute to Veterans, "Meals of Hope" food packing event, and parking for CROW. Plus, Trust Foundation Committee meeting.



Rear Admiral, Roger Triftshauer was San-Cap Rotary's speaker on Friday, 11/9, taking some time with us to reflex on the history of America's dedicated US servicemen and women who have throughout time protected the liberties and freedom of many throughout the world. On 11/11/2018, bells tolled to mark the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I-Armistice Day. Veterans' Day is November 11 because on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, 11AM (Paris time) November 11, 1918, the Armistice between the Allies and the Central Powers took effect.

Roger said, "that many servicemen refer to WWI as the forgotten war or unknown war", because of the lack of public attention it received both during and after the war. Yet during World War I, a total of **116,516** American troops were killed. The United States sent **4,355,000** soldiers to participate in the war, and roughly seven percent of them were either killed, injured or captured. The first three men to die in combat in WWI-Corporal, James Bethel Gresham Birth - Aug. 23, 1893 McLean County, USA...Death - Nov. 3, 1917 (24 yrs. Old), along with Private Merle David Hay of Glidden, Iowa, and Private Thomas F. Enright of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Roger summarizing a late friend words, Congressman Barber B. Conable, Past President of World Bank, Marine Iwo Jima survivor, talking about the brave men (yes, women served too) who have sacrificed much for our country in the time of battle. "You can all think of somebody fine who would be with us today, a soldier who might have stayed in their foxhole a minute longer or moved their head 8 inches to the right at a critical moment, or if a sniper had just wavered. That friend would have had a chance to be a good father, or have his own business, or serve on a school board.

Our good fortune to not be that person, carries with it an obligation to do a little of his work as well as our own, to make the world a little better place than it otherwise would be."

Roger spent 33 years in the Navy, 6 active and 27 in the Reserve rising to the rank of Rear Admiral, though his time in service did not send him to the frontlines. As he said himself, "I'm no ace pilot, or Navy seal. I've never been down in the trenches, but as a Navy dentist, you might say, instead of scaling cliffs, mountains, and desert terrains, I scaled teeth. One phrase we did coin for the Dental Corps was, ...YOU CAN'T FIGHT, IF YOU CAN'T BITE." All joking aside, Roger was part of the whole...a dedicated military officer, looking after men and women, who served our country and sacrificed much. He continues today still serving those men and women, maybe in a different capacity, but all the same he and his fellow MOAA members believe in giving back to all our veterans... the United States of American is the best country in the world and remains so because of them.

He had stories and facts to tell about other wars WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Gulf Wars, Iraq, and Afghanistan...all important military engagements, all important to the men and women that served our country and their families that sacrificed so much.

Let's never forget to say, "Thank You, for your service", for these men and women are true American heroes.