



# San-Captions

2/16/18

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

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

FEBRUARY Coordinators:

Roger Triftshausen and Clair Beckmann

### 16 BREAKFAST & FAIR SETUP Community House

23 Dan Perkins: Stories for Soldiers

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 Chris Hedrick: Flood Insurance Update  
23 TBD  
30 Club Assembly per Holli

### JACK ALEXANDER HAS FAIR ASSIGNMENTS SHEETS

**READY. CHECK WITH HIM THIS MORNING, IF YOU DON'T  
ALREADY KNOW YOUR WORK ASSIGNMENT - DAY. TIME.  
& WHERE BE READY TO WORK HARD AND HAVE FUN!**

**ALL ROTARIAN FAIR VOLUNTEERS:** Please park at Periwinkle Place in back of the stores or ride your bikes. Main Parking Areas around Community House for Fair Goers.

**ROTARY  
PRESIDENT 2017-18  
Ian H. S. Riseley**



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



**NEW SANIBEL-CAPTIVA ROTARY MEMBER  
INDUCTION LAST WEEK FOR TOM LISLE  
CLUB SPONSOR – ELDON BOHROFEN  
MEMBER PINNING BY CLAIR BECKMAN**



**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)**

**MARK THESE UPCOMING DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR:**

MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup> CLUB SOCIAL AT THE BIG ARTS STRAUSS THEATER, SANIBEL.  
"DAMES AT SEA" 6:30 P.M. OPENING NIGHT RECEPTION  
7:30 P.M. SHOW TICKETS HELD IN BOX OFFICE.  
APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup> 2018/2019 OFFICER INSTALLATION DINNER AT THE SANIBEL  
COMMUNITY HOUSE...MORE INFORMATION TO COME.

**REMINDER: OUR CLUB IS LOOKING FOR TWO CANDIDATES TO ATTEND THE ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE LEADERSHIP AWARDS PROGRAM IN LAKE PLACID, FL – DATES APRIL 12-15<sup>TH</sup>. THIS PROGRAM IS FOR CURRENT HIGH SCHOOL FRESHMEN OR SOPHOMORES**  
For more information talk to Prez Holli

**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 1<sup>ST</sup>.

**SPEAKER NOTES FROM 2/9/18 MIRACLES IN ACTION**



Co- Founder of "Miracles in Action" Penny Rambacher on 2/9 gave us such an inspirational talk about the motivational beginnings of her founding the non-profit "Miracles in Action". Her personal story laid out the path that brought her to action and her helping others less fortunate than herself and in doing so found a meaningful and purposeful life. Her story also is a strong reminder of why San-Cap Rotary partners with "Miracle in Action" on many of their projects in Guatemala and why our club members put in so many volunteer hours, weeks, months, and close to a year working on producing the Rotary Arts and Crafts Fair our major fundraising event each year, where all proceeds are used to financially support non-profits such as "Miracles in Action". "Miracles in Action" empowers Guatemalans living in extreme poverty to help themselves through sustainable projects that improve education, nutrition, vocational skills and create jobs.

Discussing the very beginning of her change of direction in life, starts several years back. It's an inspiration story. At the age of thirty-seven, living what one could consider a successful life...a grand house with pool, living on the water, having a boat, an airplane, a professional life seemingly on the up-swing-but extremely stressful, a fairly decent relationship-although stressful ...when life said, "Hold, on girl...you have cancer...breast cancer." Penny needed someone to be in her corner, but her partner wasn't up to taking on the role of nursemaid. It was a rude awakening, she was on her own with this one. She got the message, she worked on beating the cancer and she did. Restructuring at her place of employment gave her a package deal and a way out of the stressful job. She now had some financial resources and time to think about what her purpose in life was. Off to exploring beautiful New Zealand and Australia; a time to heal, time to reflect, and time to get rid of that non-supportive person in her life. She knew she liked to travel, so, she got a job as a stewardess, she liked it but "Hold on girl...traveling the world, isn't all you're meant to do...travel opened Penny's eyes to the existence of true poverty around the globe." Penny came face to face with that reality one rainy morning as she stepped out of the airline lay-over hotel in Quito, Ecuador; a young girl begging on the street covered with just a sheet of plastic protecting her from the rain with her baby sister perched on her back. Penny found out that this girl probably came from the nearby garbage-dump community. Penny helped the girl that day but wanted to see for herself the community existing around a garbage dump where impoverished families lived...foraging for food, burrowing in the garbage for shelter, women even giving birth there. Now Penny found her calling...to help these people...she did with the help from her airline, the airline stay-over hotel, and airline personal, and almost anyone she could; Penny collected anything she could that would help and brought it to Quito. She spent five years on this humanitarian aid project. Another change, "Hey girl, got a different project for you"... Penny heard about another impoverished area in Guatemala that might interest her. Her mother joined her in this endeavor and when she herself was diagnosed with cancer decided that her legacy could be the building of a school in Guatemala. That was the start of the "Miracles in Action" a non-profit organization building 53 schools, employing more than 100 women, furnishing 1,800 families with water filters and 2,600 with stoves, plus so many other items.

"Miracles in Action" is an organization that Sanibel-Captiva Rotary has partnered with for the last eight years; starting when Rotarians, Chet Sadler and John Grey attended a District Rotary function and learnt about "Miracles in Action" and their selling of hand-crafted beaded jewelry and textiles by Guatemalan women providing an income for their families. With the growth of bead sales these women could also provide a sustainable financial underpinning for village projects such as building schools, water filtering systems, installing stoves, and solar lights. Chet and John arranged with our Rotary Club to provide a few tables for "Miracles in Action" to sell beaded jewelry and other hand-crafted items at the Arts and Crafts Fair and fifty percent of sale proceeds be donated in Sanibel-Captiva Rotary name to "Miracles in Action" for the purchase of stoves for a village in Guatemala. A few tables now have turned into a room full of Guatemalan handcrafted items for sale at the Fair. Sanibel-Captiva Rotary is proud to continue this relationship with "Miracles in Action" and hopes to continue partnering with them for many years to come.