

January 2, 2015



# San-Captions

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

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**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

**Board of Director Officers:**

President: Bill Rahe  
President Elect: Chris DeCosta  
Vice President: Charlie Emerson  
Secretary: Chet Sadler  
Treasurer: John Danner  
Sergeant-at-Arms: Don Russell

**Board Directors:**

Past President: Scot Congress  
Bob Guggino-17  
Holli Martin-17  
John Mason  
Bunny Ospa  
Dick Waterhouse  
Alex Werner

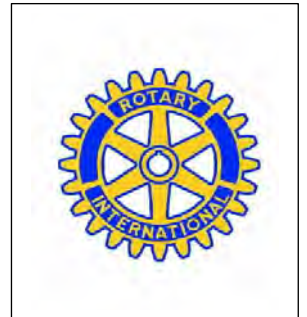
**Trust Fund Board:**

President, John Grey  
Treasurer, Scot Congress  
Secretary, Mike Raab  
Rotary Foundation, Chet Sadler  
Lee Almas-17  
John Bellino  
Jim Lavelle  
Scott Congress pp

**Election results** for 2015-2016:

**Board of Director Officers:**

PRESIDENT.....CHRIS DE COSTA  
PERSIDENT ELECT...CHARLIE EMERSON  
VICE PRESIDENT.....HOLLI MARTIN  
SECRETARY.....CHET SADLER  
TREASURER.....JOHN DANNER



**New Club Board Members**

JACK ALEXANDER  
DORRIE HIPSCHEMAN

**New Trust Board**

JOHN HARRIES  
ALEX WERNER

**GEARING UP FOR THE NEW YEAR:**

**FUNDRAISING EVENTS:**

**February 14th & 15th**

Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club Arts & Crafts Fair

**Advertising Ads Sales deadline coming up middle of January.** Advertising dollars are used to pay the expenses of producing this event.

**Silent Auction Area still needs items.** This area of the Fair brings in over \$10,000. All proceeds are used to support our club's annual giving.

**April 9th**

Sanibel-Captiva Rotary presents a live theater production of **"Unsinkable Women"** at BIG ARTS to benefit: Sanibel Historical Museum and Village, Human Trafficking Partnership, and BIG ARTS. Tickets \$55 On sale **now** at BIG ARTS, Sanibel 395-0900

**RI PRESIDENT**

**2014-15**

**GARY C. K. HUANG**



**DISTRICT #6960**

**GOV. 2014-2015**

**PETE DORAGH**



**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)**

## CLUB ASSEMBLY NOTES FROM DECEMBER 19, 2014

Wow! What a year- end, wrap-up, club-assembly meeting before the Holiday break. There was so much to cover and all of it good. First and foremost we had elections of officers for Sanibel-Captiva Rotary 2015-2016 – published on front page. These newly elected officers do not start their term until July 2015 but according to our Rotary International by-laws must be elected before the end of the calendar year of the previous year. Why, not really sure but think it has to do with the training and preparation the new officers have to go through before taking office. Until July 2015 our club President for the first six months of 2015 will continue to be Bill Rahe.

The club did a little looking forward and a little looking back at club assembly. We certainly had a great year of giving in 2014. Big projects took the spotlight for the year starting with our contribution to Rotary International Polio Plus Program with a direct monetary gift from the club, matched by Rotary District 6960, matched again by the Gates Foundation for a total of \$16,500 contributed to Rotary International's Polio Plus campaign. At the meeting, Bill announced that our club had just received the honor of Rotary International 100% Polio Club designation for 2014. Bill was also responsible for running the club's fundraising raffle-*Summer in the Colorado Mountains*-which directly benefited the club's Polio Plus contribution and CROW.

We also had a great presentation regarding two Rotary Wheelchair Foundation distribution events this year ...by John Danner, Chet Sadler, John Grey and Bill Rahe.

John Danner, as many know is the Senior Pastor at the Sanibel Congregational Church, and when approaching his sixtieth birthday decided that instead of doing the usual hoopla of celebratory parties created his own way of celebrating a good and meaningful life...the *Sixty for Sixty* bike ride...from Fort Lauderdale to Key West...trying to raise enough money through sponsorships to donate funds to purchase sixty wheelchairs for the Rotary Wheelchair Foundation. Again, most of you know that John surpassed his goal of 60 wheelchairs and almost tripled that number with sponsorship money donated by friends, church members, and our Rotary club.

Back in mid-September John Danner, his grandson Zak, Chet Sadler, and John Grey went to Trinidad/Tabago with the Rotary Foundation and participated in wheelchair distribution events around the Island. Participation in these events leaves a lasting impression and makes one realize the incredible changes this simple gift will make in the lives of other. Zak who was at our last meeting for his grandfather's presentation stated, "I'm ready to go on the next distribution event in Jamaica".

John Grey, Chet Sadler, and Bill Rahe went to Guatemala on a wheelchair distribution event this year and while in Guatemala visited the club's micro-financing partner in Guatemala *AS GREEN AS IT GETS* and the coffee farmers involved in this project. This projects is going extremely well and Sanibel-Captiva Rotary has been paid back its initial micro-financing investment with the coffee-farmers and will be continuing to reinvest in this project. Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Guatemala Coffee is being sold at Bailey's General Store on the Island.

The next Rotary Wheelchair Foundation wheelchair distribution event will take place, sometime very soon, on the Island of Jamaica.

Just a note here folks: the financing of these wheelchairs-that have gone to Trinidad, Guatemala and soon to Jamaica- have all come out of that initial *Sixty for Sixty* Birthday bike ride by John Danner. One person can do so much to help so many.

The other thing I would like to mention about these wheelchair distribution events and all of our other Rotary events that require travel ...is that the expense of travel and accommodations are strictly paid for by the Rotarians themselves.



Picture L -R...Chet Sadler, Bill Rahe, John Grey, Jak, & John Danner



Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Trust Officer, Lee Almas presented a \$1,000 check to *Friends Who Care's* co-founder Tom Lowers. *Friends Who Care* is dedicated to helping people in crisis on the Island. FWC also provides holiday dinners throughout the year, school supplies, collects cereal boxes for the FISH Food Pantry and at this time of the year, collects and wraps approximately 150 children toys for needy families living and working on the Island.

## **SPEAKER CORNER**

### **2015**

Jan 2 - Abigail Kinzel - Rotary Exchange Student

Jan 9 - Margaret Mohundro - Sanibel Library

Jan 16 - Scott McPhee - Sanibel-Captiva Power Squadron

Jan 23 - Officer John Jakubowski - Sanibel School Resource Officer

Jan 30 - Debbie Almeida - Sanibel Blue

**Holli Martin, January speaker coordinator**

