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

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- Jack Alexander 2018
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- Immediate PP...Bill Rahe

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- Chairman, John Grey 2017
- Secretary, Mike Raab 2016
- Foundation, Chet Sadler 2016
- Lee Almas 2017
- Dan Cohn 2018
- Treasurer, Scott Congress 2018
- Bill Rahe (Immediate PP) 2016

SPEAKER SCHEDULE:

JANUARY Coordinators: Chet Sadler and Bill Rahe
29 George Barbee "Observing Innovation All Around Us" George will share some of his experiences and insights on innovation based on his 45 year career across 40 countries. He has founded three successful entrepreneurial companies and led innovation with several Fortune 100 companies including Gillette, General Electric, PepsiCo, IBM and Price Waterhouse Coopers.

FEBRUARY Coordinators : Rachel Tritaik and Ed Wheeler
15 James Graham (Rotarian) "Legacy of Quadrat" (Afghan child brought to US by Rotary for heart surgery).
12 Rotary Fair Setup
19 Reto Weder, Switzerland "Rotarian's Work with Doctors following Earthquake"
26 Paul Tritaik Dina Darlina Update

ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR...If you have not already signed up for your work shift for one or more ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR DAYS, please do it today. Jack Alexander has sign-up sheets. Select your preference for day and time now or you will be assigned a shift by Jack.

OKAY, WHO HAS THEM?

Six of our club's two-way radios are missing. If anyone knows their whereabouts, please contact John Carney ASAP. They need to be checked- out and put in working condition before the Arts & Crafts Fair. JohnCarney@yahoo.com

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH IS MOVING DAY

Dick Waterhouse needs help moving all of the ARTS & CRAFTS signs out of our storage units into the moving truck. Volunteers will meet at the Sunshine Café...near the new Walmart at 8:00 a.m..

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)

**District #6960
Gov. 2015-2016
Cyndi Doragh**



**RI PRESIDENT
2015-2016
K.R. Ravindran**



**Trust Board will meet every third
Wednesday each month.** For
information contact John Grey 239-472-0590

CLUB ASSEMBLY NOTES FROM 1-22-16

Sanibel-Captiva Rotarians had a big decision to make last Friday morning. Rotarian, Charlie Emerson had sponsored a request for funding from the Sanibel Community Association/Sanibel Community House directly related to the current SCA Capital Campaign for the restoration and rebuilding of the Sanibel Community House to the Rotary Club of Sanibel-Captiva Trust Board. Before this funding request was submitted by Rotarian, Emerson to our Trust Board, careful consideration was given to the amount requested and whether this project fit within the perimeters of our club's giving policy. The request was for a pledge of \$15,000 per year for five years, totaling \$75,000 to be used for the restoration /rebuilding of the Community House-with a portion of these funds allocated to support educational programming at the Community House. Because of the amount and length of this \$75,000 multi-year pledge, the Trust Board decided they would bring a recommendation to grant the request before the membership-at- lodge for discussion/questions and for club vote approval.

To help with the understanding of this request on January 22nd Teresa Riska-Hall, Executive Director of the Sanibel Community House, was invited to outline the Sanibel Community House restoration/rebuilding project to our membership and attendees at that meeting. The need for extensive repairs to the Community House is an absolute necessity and bringing the building up to current city building codes would have to be satisfied during any construction project. Addressing these repair problems was put off for a couple of years because of the opportunity to be part of the proposed new Sanibel Cultural Center across the street from the Community House on Periwinkle. The Cultural Center move was considered by the Sanibel Community Association Board and the building of a new Community House on that site, but in the end the SCA Board decided against that idea and would restore and renovate their current building. Plans for these renovations include restoring the historic North Room, building a new entrance portico, redesigning the interior space including middle room, kitchen, auditorium, restrooms, halls, storage rooms, and offices – adding some additional space for a larger kitchen and shell-crafters storage. Electrical, sound, and technical equipment will be upgraded in all rooms of the Community House for both current and future needs. The stage in the auditorium will definitely have new curtains, lights, and sound system. The redesign of the interior space will absolutely address the functionality of all interior space and update the look of the space overall.

So, there definitely was discussion.

There were concerns regarding the amount and length of this commitment with some questions regarding what this commitment of future funds would have on other giving by the Trust Board especially our international projects. The answer to that was there is a 50/50 split between international/national-local for Rotary of Sanibel-Captiva Trust Fund giving. International projects will still receive 50% of available funds dispersed by the Trust Board.

There were concerns about whether this really is the type of project the Rotary club should be funding. The answer was that the Community House makes itself available to all. It allows many non-profit organizations to hold fundraising events that benefit those in need on our Islands and throughout Lee County. Supporting organizations and non-profits servicing those in need everywhere is part of Rotary's overall principle. The SCA Community House promotes cultural, social, educational, and civic activities for Island residents and visitors to our Island.

How would it affect our giving to other local non-profits? In some manner it will, but past fundraising by our Rotary club seems to indicate that ...not so much.

After about 45 minutes of discussion, a vote was called for...The club voted yes in support of the application for funding of \$15,000 per year for five years for a total of \$75,000 submitted by the SCA Community House for restoration and renovation of the Sanibel Community House.



The \$75,000 pledge from the Rotary Club of Sanibel-Captiva has given Rotary the naming rights for the Sanibel Community House stage and it has been agreed upon that upon completion of the restored and renovated Sanibel Community house the auditorium stage will be designated the "Rotary Stage" with a prominently displayed plaque and marketing and oral reference to the "Rotary Stage" for all future events whenever the stage is used.

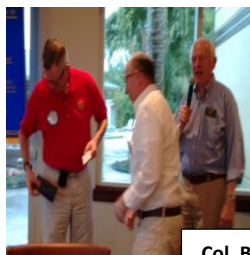


Three individual Rotarians, also, stepped up to support the SCA/Sanibel Community House Capital Campaign by writing personal checks for the Sanibel Community House restoration and renovation project.

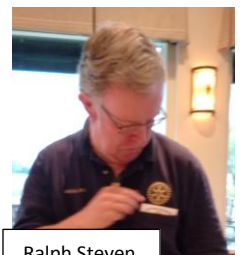
Rotarian - Colonel, Bill Harke...\$5,000

Rotarian – Ralph Steven...\$1,000

Rotarian – Anonymous...\$2,500



Col. Bill Harke



Ralph Steven

COLONEL HARKE CHALLENGES ALL OF OUR SNOWBIRDS TO STEPUP AND SUPPORT THE HISTORIC RESTORATION OF THE SANIBEL COMMUNITY HOUSE