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District 6960 Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club Organized 1979 *
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24...ROAD KILL

ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4TH THE CLUB WILL BE RETURNING TO THE DUNES FOR OUR REGULAR WEEKLY MEETINGS.

JUST CONFIRMED...

CLUB HOLIDAY/CHRISTMAS PARTY – DECEMBER 11TH
SO, MARK YOUR CALENDAR TODAY



Where: Sanibel Community House
Time: 6:00 pm
Catered by Bailey's
Guests \$50 pp



Rotary Club of Sanibel-Captiva Trust Fund Board-because of John Harries recent resignation from the Board the Club is calling for **nominations from the floor** to fill this vacancy. Nominees should be available for Trust Fund Board meetings year-round.

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Great evening for 16 members of our club as they traveled to Naples for the "Keys for the Heart" Gift of Life Fundraiser last Saturday night. Beautiful concert with renowned International Pianist, Francesco Attesti, the Naples Philharmonic Youth Orchestra, conducted by Yaniv Segal, and Soprano, Nathalie Avila. Thanks to Chet Sadler for arranging the bus.



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

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)

SPEAKER NOTES FROM OCTOBER 16, 2015

Jim Jordan, City of Sanibel Planning Department Director

With just over a month to go, hurricane season in the US is just about over for this year. It's been a pretty quiet year on the home front for any kind of bad weather on Sanibel; but many of us still have enough memory intact to remember back to Hurricane Charley in 2004. Why bring that up now? Well those memories might include how we felt returning to Sanibel and Captiva and looking at all the damage done during this major storm. We were lucky but we also had to cleanup, restore, and in some cases, rebuild our properties. On Sanibel we had an amazing team of City employees, led by Sanibel's remarkable City Manager, Judy Z tackling the job to reopen the Island, clear the roads, evaluating and securing properties that were damaged, getting utilities going again, and setting in place recovery plans. City of Sanibel Planning Department Director, Jim Jordan, was Rotary's guest speaker on Friday morning. Jim is almost a native of Sanibel having lived on the Island, since he was three years old. He has witnessed the incorporation of the City and all of the changes the city has gone through over the years. The fact is he has worked in the Planning Department for the last thirty year becoming its Planning Director in 2009.



It's been an incredible 10-year's plus on Sanibel, since Charley and with the City Council and City Manager's undertaking the tasks of improving on rebuild and redeveloping codes, non-conforming building regulations, Sanibel's density plan, resort area rebuilding and improvements, etc. Five years after Charley, the Island itself was looking better, trees were finally growing along Periwinkle and things were getting back to a normal routine but it had become obvious during this recovery process that some of our non-conforming buildings on Island particularly in our resort areas were in need of improvement and some of the City regulations in place had discouraged resorts and short-term rentals from reinvesting money into these properties and the time to do this was at hand.

The City Planning Department has certainly been kept busy with these important improvements and changes to City codes and regulations keeping in full view the: Sanibel Plan, Federal Emergency Management and National Flood Programs, State Building codes and the important value of the natural environment on Sanibel and the very reason people visit and move to this unusual Island.

Transparent and open Planning meetings have improved the understanding and value of changes to Planning Department codes, ordinances, and regulations particularly to pre-existing non-conforming properties on Island. Exploration of this topic was thoroughly addressed and pre-existing non-conforming property owners now feel comfortable investing in the updating of their properties particularly in resort and short-term rental unit areas.

As an example the Sun-Dial Resort and Spa is looking amazing and certainly regulation waivers were needed from the City on building codes for this pre-existing non-conforming property. Small non-conforming properties such as Huxter's Market and Deli are also receiving waivers for construction improvements. This is a win/win change...property footprints are not changed just over all updated improvements to buildings are being made. The improvements of our Island businesses are good investments for everyone...our visitors are an important part of the economy of our Island. Travelers have a wide variety of places to visit but although they travel here for our natural and beautiful environment, they also want to have a remarkable vacation in updated vacation properties and an enjoyable restaurant experiences. Things do change in time, these are good changes, and Jim and his staff are doing an incredible job. Yes, I know they are a pain sometime but... No pain, No gain...as they say.

Bringing clean water to the world Submitted by Chet Sadler reprinted from Herald-Tribune

In remote places throughout the world, people are getting clean water for the first time, thanks to the efforts of Rotarians in a district that spans from Palmetto to Marco Island. The Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch hosted a showcase before its regular meeting to show how clean water and sanitation projects are changing lives, reducing suffering for some of the 780 million people in the world who do not have access to clean water. Rotarians from clubs in Bonita Springs, Estero, Sanibel-Captiva and Fort Myers South joined others from Sarasota and Manatee counties in promoting and learning about projects in Peru, St. Lucia, Guatemala, Haiti, the Philippines and Dominican Republic. George Lewis, a four year Lakewood Ranch resident and club member, calls himself "The Waterman." While still living in Oregon in 2006, he became involved in developing water projects. He figures he has helped 2 million people in 37 countries. "He's always looking for ways to get people's attention to donate to water," said Ron Myers, the Lakewood Ranch club's chairman for Clean Water Projects. The 81-year-old uses a palette knife to create original oil paintings. In exchange for \$100 to pay his expenses, he gives them to Rotary clubs to then auction for higher prices to help fund charitable projects with an emphasis on clean water and sanitation. He is prolific. In 22 months, Lewis has painted 264 canvases, generating thousands of dollars. His name is known in Rotary circles. "I knew George before he was famous," Myers quipped. The men, with Sandra Hemstead, of Bonita Springs, are the go-to people in planning, promoting, funding and executing projects that bring water filters, wells, latrines and hygiene education to the poorest of the poor living in Third World areas. They get help from volunteers such as Dr. Michael and Judy Berlow of Lakewood Ranch, who went up the Amazon in 2012 with Myers and fellow club member John Freeman to the Iquitos region of Peru. Judy, a former Spanish teacher, said it was rewarding talking to the people in the village, teaching them the importance of clean water, sanitation and washing your hands. "They had a religious service before they turned the tap on," said Michael Berlow, a retired radiologist. The children lined up to take the water home and the Rotarians noticed they carried unsanitary containers. Since then, the club supplied clean containers that have covers.

Sustainability for the projects is a key concern.

The Rotarians work with the nongovernment organization Water Missions International to coordinate the projects, ensuring monthly visits continue for at least three years, residents are trained in equipment operation and the water is tested for quality. All of the work is not cheap. The Lakewood Ranch club has been involved in 26 projects since 2007. This year, the club committed to giving at least \$55,000 toward clean water projects. That's why Myers said it was important to honor his longtime friend, Carl Baldwin, and his wife, Kay. The couple live in Naples, but so believe in the Lakewood Ranch club's water projects that they have made annual \$10,000 donations since 2007. "They were not Rotarians," Myers said. "Now they are honorary Rotarians. "They also received a Major Donor Award on Thursday from District 6960 Governor Cyndi Doragh, of Fort Myers, recognizing their continued philanthropy. It all comes down to numbers. Myers said 760,000 children die each year from diarrhea, which could be prevented with access to clean water. "That's 2,000 children a day from water-borne diseases, and that's too many," he said. "That's why we do what we do."— *Christi Womack covers Manatee County for the Herald-Tribune. Her column appears Sundays.*