

November 14, 2014



San-Captions

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

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SPEAKER CORNER

TODAY- 11/14 Harry Lee, Audubon Shells,
International Shell Expert

11/21 Susan Scott, Enchanted Ballroom, Physical Benefits of Dancing
11/28 NO MEETING

Rachel Tritaik, November speaker coordinator

Mark Your Calendars:

NOV. 16th CROW – Taste of the Island –Sanibel-Captiva Rotary
Sponsor

NOV. 23RD Height Foundation – Holiday Outreach

DEC. 5th-Sanibel Luminary, Friday -December 5th Volunteers

Needed-sign up today TimeTBD

DEC. 6th-Captiva Luminary, Saturday – December 6th

Volunteers **Needed-sign up today Time TBD**

Dec. 11th- Club Holiday Party

ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

DATE: Thursday...December 11th

TIME: 6PM TO 10PM

PLACE: Sanibel Community House

Club members are free, guests/spouses are \$50

Catered by Baileys Catering

unlimited wine/beer/soft drinks

Entertainment TBA

Dress – Holiday Dressy Casual

**Dual Harris members, please wear your
medallions and pins.**

Sign-up necessary...Alex Werner



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)

SPEAKER NOTES FROM NOVEMBER

Sanibel-Captiva Rotary guest speaker last week was, Iver Brook, combat radio operator on a B-17 during WWII. Brook's military service lasted from 1942 to 1945. During World War II, the B-17 equipped 32 overseas combat groups, inventory peaking in August 1944 at 4,574 USAAF aircraft worldwide.^[72] B-17s dropped 640,036 **short tons** (580,631 metric tons) of bombs on European targets. Back on December 7, 1941, Eric was studying at William and Mary College when he heard that the Japanese had just made a surprise military strike against the naval base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Iver made up his mind right then to enter the service but it wasn't until he could get his mother to sign the papers that he was able to enlist in the Army Air Corp Reserve in May 1942. Iver was not yet out of his teens, when he entered training at a USAAF base in Richmond, Virginia. Basic training consisted of marching, marching, MARCHING and patrolling the beaches with a rifle while tankers were positioned just off-shore to defend and protect the United States. The group was just a group of young kids and Iver said they acted like kids.

After basic training and taking an examination, Iver was selected to go for College Training in San Antonio, TX, a lot more marching and then courses in math...many of the attendees were college graduates already with degrees in science and engineering, some even holding PhDs, but they all were required to take the same basic math courses. Iver must have passed the muster because now he was on to Aviation Cadet Training and Radio Operator School in Scottsdale, AR. Radio School lasted eighteen weeks and you were required to be able to listen to code for 3 hours straight, with only a short 5-minute break every hour- Iver said this extremely boring. Student had to pass the code checks, and be able to send messages out at 14 words a minute. More schooling in Boca Raton, FL and Yuma, AR and finally combat training and then he was introduced to his crew and four months more of training. His duty stationed was England and travel there was provided by a Cruise Ship. This wasn't so bad...he stayed in the officer's quarters...showers daily and great food. However, luxuries were soon to end. He and his fellow troops were now housed in barracks in England and although they had plenty of food, they had no fresh milk or eggs and would have to procure these items from the farms around the bases. Remember, up until now, these are really still kids and I guess some of their antics were appropriate to their age. They had been trained for their missions but had not yet experienced what was to come.

They were soon to experience their flying missions and take part in skein formations of B-17s taking to the skies from their English bases. flying over their **targets in** Germany, and dropping bombs on their intended targets. Iver was assigned to one of the B-17, his position radio operator.

Assigned B-17 uniforms of 1944-45 were called ...Complete High-Flying Wardrobe...Jacket/non-leather, Jacket insert heated, Trouser, Trouser insert heated, Helmet, Shoes Felt, Shoes insert Heated, Gloves, Heated, Rayon Glove inserts, A-12 Mittens, Scarf, Lead Cord, Woolen Shirts, Light Socks, Long Underwear. This varied somewhat and Brook did mention long johns, flight gear, electric heated shoes...because of the temperatures in the plane... overalls, bomber jacket, hard helmet with oxygen and outer helmet ...baby it was cold up there. And don't forget your parachute.

Flight day wakeup call at 4am, combat mess, general briefing, radio operator briefing, to locker room for flight gear and parachute, gunnery check, pilot check, tune radios-headset, pilot to control tower, rescue broadcast frequency-check wire.

Take offs from hilltop runway...takeoff of one plane every half hour until skein formations of 24 planes. Visibility poor...cloudy and misty- ground to 12,000 ft. up, at 15,000 ft. oxygen required-not pure but amount to survive. Iver flew 24 mission but never had to fire. He was one of the lucky ones, when the war was over he came home a man and not a boy any longer



OUT FOR LUMINAIRY NIGHTS...DATES ARE SANIBEL-12/5...CAPTIVA-12/6 TBD. **THIS IS A BIG JOB AND JOHN NEEDS AS MUCH HELP AS POSSIBLE. SIGN UP TODAY with John**

BLACK FRIDAY SHOPPING 11/28

Congress Jewelers will contribute a percentage of store sales on BLACK FRIDAY (the day after Thanksgiving) – to our new Sanibel Captiva Rotary Memorial Scholarship Fund.

It's a party... it's a fundraiser. Time - TBA

Holiday Outreach Harlem Heights Foundation

Bountiful Blessings – Thanksgiving
Help the Heights Foundation carry out the true meaning of Thanksgiving by participating in their Bountiful Blessings outreach. Your financial support or donation of time or food items will bring a message of hope and encouragement to struggling families in our community. Since 1999, the program has helped families in the Harlem Heights neighborhood make a traditional Thanksgiving meal to share with their families. **DATE OF EVENT SUNDAY 11/23**
In 2013, partner agencies, businesses, philanthropic organizations and more than 100 volunteers provided food items for a holiday meal to 400 families. **Sign Up with Jack Alexander**

