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

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## SPEAKER CORNER

**TODAY-** December 12<sup>th</sup> CINDY DE COSTA  
Executive Director, Children's Education Center of the Islands

December 19<sup>th</sup> Club Assembly & 2014-15 Election of Club Officers  
**Chris De Costa , December speaker coordinator**  
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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**

## TAKING THE ROTARY PLEDGE

How important is that pledge to you? Just as a reminder it's printed below:

- to abide by the By-laws and Constitution of the Club
- to uphold Rotary International's Objectives of Rotary and its motto of SERVICE ABOVE SELF
- to provide my expertise to the Club and to participate actively in all its service projects, fellowships and activities.
- to maintain 50% attendance of the regular Rotary meetings, which includes make-ups at other clubs

Membership is the life-blood of Rotary and with all of us working together we have been able to help millions around the world live a happier, healthier, and more productive life, then ever dreamed possible.

## NEW MEMBER INDUCTIONS LAST WEEK:

Sanibel-Captiva Rotary membership chair- Janet Strickland assisted by membership committee member, John Prior inducted two new members into the club last week:

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## 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)

### 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

**RI PRESIDENT  
2014-15  
GARY C. K.HUANG**



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PETE DORAGH**





Welcome our newest Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Members:

**Dr. James Davis**-spouse, Maggie

Retired Psychiatrist - sponsors John Pryor, Bill Rahe, & Dick Salerno

H. 239-395-2330

C. 914 671-6914

**Dr. Richard Mattern**-spouse, Adele

Retired Radiologist – sponsor Dick Salerno

H. 239-395-2810

Picture on Right-from left to right:

Janet Strickland, Dick Salerno, Dr. James Davis,

Dr. Richard Mattern, & John Pryor

## SPEAKER NOTES – Brian Boyd-Special Operations –Freedom is Not Free

The Holidays give us a chance to reflex on family, friendships, community and country, remembering what we are blessed with and for all us Rotarians, looking forward to working on and supporting projects that serve by helping others.

It is also is the time of the year when we should take a little time to remember our men and women in uniform, who sacrifice every day for us at home. Recent headlines have brought our attention to activities performed by our government’s Special Forces in Yemen and their rescue attempts to free an American citizen from the threat of eminent death by Al Qaeda. Although this attempt ended sadly, our Special Forces Team and Navy SEAL Team Six went in with no regard for their own personal safety and with all the attention on the rescue of one American threaten with death if not ransomed by our US government. Our government policy is “We do not, under any circumstances, pay ransom.”

That now leads me to our Rotary speaker last week, former Green Beret- Special Forces, Brian Boyd. Although Brian was scheduled to speak before this rescue attempt, it was extremely timely topic the *Evolution of Special Operations - Freedom is Not Free*.

Office of Special Services- OSS formulated during WWII...trained by the French...until then American intelligence had been conducted on an ad-hoc basis by the various departments of the executive branch, including the State, Treasury, Navy, and War Departments. It had no overall direction, coordination, or control. The FBI was responsible for domestic security and anti-espionage operations.

Central Intelligence Group-CIG created in January 1946 by President Truman, which was the direct precursor to the CIA. The direct descendant of the paramilitary component of the OSS is the Special Activities Division of the CIA. Also associated with the origins of the Army Special Forces as the First Special Service Force, a joint Canadian-American unit. In 1947 the Defense Department, NSA, Air Corp, OSS, and CIA shared information and activities.

Special Forces were formed in 1952 Colonel Aaron Bank is known as the father of the Special Forces. The Vietnam era saw the testing and shaping of Special Forces policy and action for the US. The mission of the Special Forces changed rapidly in the first years from a force which had initially been used like its WWII predecessors as an internal strike force into a training force which helped develop unconventional warfare and counterinsurgency tactics. “The first mission of the Special Forces operation in Viet Nam was in 1957, when soldiers from the 1st Special Forces Group trained fifty eight Vietnamese Army soldiers at the Commando Training Center in Nha Trang. As the United States escalated its involvement in the war, the missions of the Special Forces expanded as well. Since Special Forces were trained to lead guerrillas, it seemed logical that they would have a deep understanding of counter-guerrilla actions, which became the Foreign Internal Defense (FID) mission. The 5th Special Forces Group mixed the UW and FID missions, often-leading Vietnamese units such as Montagnards and lowland Civilian Irregular Defense Groups.<sup>[6]</sup> The deep raid on Son Tay, attempting to recover U.S. prisoners of war, had a ground element completely made up of Special Forces soldiers.”-Wikipedia

Special Forces operations include the Green Berets and Navy SEALs. Green Berets – train soldiers, security, and strategic planning; Navy SEALs-strategic planning and action at sea, in the air, and on land- controlled by the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Known Special Forces Operations seen in the news that Brian mentioned: November 1970s-Operation Ivory Coast, November 1979 Tehran Embassy Hostages, April 1980-Operation Eagle Claw, 1983-Hostage Rescue in Tehran, October 1985-Acheille Lauro, 1993-Black Hawk Down, September 2001-World Trade Center-Homeland Security, 2009-Somali Pirates, and 2011-Bin Laden. Some of these missions were successful and some failed in their attempt but all were carried out for the protection of our freedoms. We salute the member of our Special Forces and thank you and your families for the sacrifices you make for us.



## MEMBERSHIP HIGHLIGHT...Last week’s membership minute highlighted CHRIS DECOSTA, club Pres. Elect 2014-15



Chris is a partner in Holtz Mahshie DeCosta, PA with offices in Sanibel, Fort Myers, & Punta Gorda. The firm practice concentrates in three areas: Real Estate-Buying, Closings & Title Defects; Small Business-Individual needs...Ideas, Start-up, Drafting Documents; Litigation- all types. Litigation is Chris’s specialty and a quote from him...“avoid at all cost...it’s awfully and a difficult experience whether you win or lose”.