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FRIDAY MORNING SPEAKER SERIES 2017:

MARCH Coordinators EJ Neafsey and John Danner

24 Dave MacGregor: Lee Memorial Arts in Healthcare and Arts for disabled
 31 Chris Davison: Happenings on Sanibel

APRIL Coordinators Rachel Tritaik and Dick Salerno

7 Ray Boyce: "William Shakespeare-What's All This Recent About"
 14 John Danner: "Springtime Religious Traditions Around the World"
 21 Bill Rahe: Cowboy Poetry
 28 Al Kinkle: Chmn of Barbara's Friends

MAY Coordinators Chet Sadler and Charlie Emerson

5 Maggi Feiner, President and CEO of FISH
 12 Al Hanser Charitable Foundation of the Islands
 19 TBD
 26 TBD

NEED SPEAKER COORDINATORS FOR JUNE



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

APRIL 3RD...INSTALLATION DINNER ...SUNDIAL...TBA...NO CHARGE FOR ROTARY CLUB MEMBERS...\$55 FOR GUESTS

APRIL 22ND...DISTRICT ASSEMBLY...CULTURAL CT CHARLOTTEE COUNTY...FEE TBA...SOME MEMBERS ARE GOING...FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT...CHARLIE EMERSON

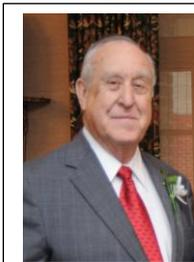
MAY 18TH-21ST...DISTRICT CONFERENCE...HYATT REGENCY, SARASOTA...INFORMATION TBA

JUNE 10TH-14TH...ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION...ATLANTA, GA...SOME MEMBERS ARE GOING...CHECK RI WEB-SITE FOR INFORMATION
 If you have interest in attending, contact Charlie Emerson.

ROTARY DISTRICT #6960 GOVERNOR, 2016-2017 Ladd Waldo, Lakewood Ranch



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT 2016-2017 John Germ, Chattanooga, TN USA



ROAD KILL TOMORROW 3/28

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)

Rotary College Scholarship applications now available on-line...deadline May 1

Each year, the Rotary Club of Sanibel & Captiva Florida awards several college scholarships to eligible students, one of the scholarships offered this year is dedicated specifically for further education at FGCU 2017/18 school year. Preference is given to students who are attending a Lee County public or private High School and who reside or work on Sanibel or Captiva Island. A student living in Lee County whose parent(s), or close relative is employed fulltime on either island may also be given preference for a scholarship awards Scholarship information and applications can be found on our club website...sanibelrotary.org. or by calling Dan Cohn at 239 470-1342. Scholarship deadline is May 1, 2017

SPEAKER NOTES FROM 3-17-17: SAN-CAP ROTARY TRUST KEEPS ON GIVING

Club business was on the agenda last week with focus on Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Trust Fund's on-going support of ShelterBox USA and Rotary International and Rotary District #6960 partnership projects. At the top of the meeting, Club President, Charlie Emerson, presented a \$2,000 check to Ross Spencer of ShelterBox USA. The \$2,000 is being earmarked for emergency supplies in response to a special appeal for relief supplies for Syrian refugees. Paraphrasing an article from Global Impact...The Syrian catastrophe is at epic proportions with numbers of people fleeing Syria. Millions are living in makeshift dwellings in neighboring countries where they are offered sanctuary and some refugees still trapped within the Syria borders. ShelterBox has been involved with relief efforts in Syria for the last six years at an estimated cost of five million dollars toward this humanitarian relief effort...Currently the only shelter tents allowed in Syria refugee areas are supplied by the UN. Additional emergency supplies such as: tarps, plastic sheeting, water purification equipment, tools, and other survival supplies are distributed by ShelterBox through partnerships with Hand & Hand Syria and Relief Aid Syria.



Following the check presentation, Chet Sadler, Sanibel-Captiva Rotary International Foundation club representative, presented an impressive report and video on his recent sustainability follow-up inspection of our club's water projects and a report on joining Rev. Israel Suarez of Nations Association and others on a trip to Ecuador for delivery and distribution of donated medical supplies in Ecuador.

St. Marc, Haiti – a \$75,000 construction project of bathroom facilities at the St. Marc School-providing safe water, sanitation and hygiene facilities. Construction of bathrooms completed in 2015. Chet revisited the facilities and commented that facilities were being well-maintained and slight modifications of the building were put in place because of some vandalism problems. Overseer of project in Haiti...St. Marc Rotary Club, Haiti.

Villard Village, Arbonite Valley, Haiti-sustainable clean water filtering system built in partnership with Rotary District #7020-England in Arbonite Valley, Haiti. Working with the Water Mission organization these solar powered water systems have a capacity of supplying safe clean water to approximately 6,000 community members, currently it is serving 2,500 community members. Each water system is overseen by a local water committee that sets a nominal charge for this clean water – at the Villard system site the cost is 3 cents for 10 gallons of chlorinated water. Fees are used to sustain the filtering system and pays a local community member to manage the site. Water pipes can be added for short-range distribution of water to nearby villages and plans to do so are on the drawing board. Chet told us this water project is working well; additional water system sites are being explored.

Medical supplies to Ecuador...The name of this project could be called, "How the Wheels Turn". An original gift of 10 wheelchairs presented at last year's Rotary District #6960 District Conference to Rev. Israel Surez of Nations Association Charities, Fort Myers from Sanibel-Captiva Rotary and the District's Wheelchair Foundation project was a start of something so much bigger. Soon after the announcement of the gift, Rev. Suarez was made aware of the need for medical supplies for victims of a series of earthquakes in Ecuador. He then asked Rotary if he could send the wheelchairs to Ecuador and Rotary agreed. However, that was not the end of the story but just the beginning. When District Rotarians heard about the need in Ecuador, District Rotarians searched donations from other sources for medical supplies. Lee Memorial Health System had just purchased some new electric hospital beds and other medical hard-goods for their facilities and decided that the old equipment could be donated for use in Ecuador. The Wheelchair Foundation donated 35 wheelchairs. Rotary donated 180 thousand food packages. Snyderman Shoes in Fort Myers donated hundreds of boxes of shoes for distribution in Ecuador, a much-needed commodity in storm ravaged countries. Nations Association Charities helped with additional supplies. Rotary District #6960 Rotary Club's financed the purchase of two Red Cross shipping containers and paid transportation and shipping fees to bring these supplies down to Ecuador. Nations Charities, friends of this organization, and Rotarians helped pack the supplies into the containers and off it will go...Not so fast. A hurricane was threatening the shipping port...wait and hold the two containers here in the states; finally, shipping was underway. A few bribes here, a few bribes there to get the containers to the point of distribution. Rotarian, Chet Sadler made the journey to Ecuador to be part of the distribution team on the ground including the Rotary Club de Manta, Ecuador.

Sanibel-Captiva Rotarian, Chet Sadler is our club's point-man on projects like this. Chet pays for all his transport and spends months coordinating these projects.

THANKS, CHET