



San-Captions

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

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TONIGHT - MARCH 18th Annual after-glow (after the Fair) Party at Don Russell's home. Bring a hors d'oeuvre or dessert.



Fort Myers Sunrise Rotary Club members: Dave Gallentine, John McGowan, and Sunrise Club President, Jake Spanberger were presented a \$6,000 check from our club's Arts & Crafts Fair Chair, Scot Congress at last week's Friday morning meeting. This check represents the value of dedicated service the Sunrise Club does for our club in managing parking at our Arts & Crafts Fair enabling the Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club to raise approximately \$150,000 this year at the Fair.

SPEAKER SCHEDULE 2016:

MARCH Coordinators: John Danner and EJ Neafsey
18 Rotary Community Vocational Excellence Award Ceremony
25 RaeAnn Wessels, SCCF : Water Policy Management and Concerns
APRIL Coordinators: Trent Peake and _____
1 Dana Carr Saving Lives at the Speed of Flight
8 Kevin Ruane Mayor of Sanibel
15 Susan Rice Habitat for Humanity
22 Steve Agius from Rotary International
29 Tom Mueller Covanta Energy Converting Trash into Energy
MAY Coordinators: Alex Werner and Don Russell
6 Sheriff Mike Scott (Don Russell)
13 District Rotary Conference at Sanibel Harbor Resort
20 Belinda Smith and Judge Andrew Swett Veterans Court and Mental Health Court
27 Karl Rodman Sanibel Historical Museum and Village (Alex W)
JUNE Coordinators: Angie Larson-Roehl and Cindy DeCosta
10 Pete Travis Torrent Flood: Update on Flood Issues

If you confirm a speaker during your month, please let me know. If you know of or recommend a speaker for a month which is not yours, please communicate with one of the coordinators for that month.

If there are any additions or corrections, please send me an email.

Thanks. Rich Mattern Rich5u@vahoo.com

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

MARK YOUR CALENDERS:

APRIL 11TH 36th Installation Dinner of the Sanibel Captiva Rotary Club will be held at the Captiva Island Yacht Club, 15903 Captiva Drive, Captiva. Cocktails are a 6:00 PM followed by Dinner at 7:00 PM.

MORE DETAILS TO COME. SIGNUP SHEET AVAILABLE

APRIL 15TH ROTARY TEAM NEEDED FOR "RELAY FOR LIFE" more information to come

MAY 12TH, 14TH, & 15TH...

ROTARY DISTRICT #6960 CONFERENCE
Information on District Web-site.

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU FROM... SID SIMON

(Poet, Storyteller, & Theater Critic)

I was stuck in the mud in the Strauss theater parking lot on the Saturday of your Fair. There was a truck parked at right angles behind my car and the garage could not attach the towing hook to my Toyota.

I went to one of the Rotary guys with a hand held mike, linking him to other Rotarians. Gave him the license number of the truck, thinking the Ford truck belonged to someone at the Fair. No luck! A few Rotarians came out to look at the situation and one said, "We can push this light Toyota out of here.. Get in Mister, start it up." In one minute flat, I was OUT! OUT! OUT! OF THE MUD ...THANKS ROTARY

SPEAKER NOTES FROM 3/11/2016

All parents want a good education for their children. All parents want their children to succeed in life. All parents want their children to go to school and love the experience of learning. They want them to make friends and just enjoy growing up and feeling good about themselves. So, when the reality presents itself that your child is struggling in school and feels out of place at school, you know you're parental responsibilities include becoming more involved in their educational and socialization experience. You are your child's advocate and exploring all the available options to provide the best education for your child is on your shoulders.

Well, at our last San-Cap Rotary club meeting, we were delighted to have as our guest speaker - Lori Riti, Principal of De LaSalle Academy in Fort Myers come and speak to us about a fairly new school, founded in 2012, that is an educational option for children with special needs. De LaSalle is a private, non-profit elementary through high school serving students with ASD, learning disabilities, processing disorders, anxiety, and mild mood disorders. The academic program is highly individualized and supported by therapies, including speech and language, occupational, and counseling.

Now before, you get a little nervous about it being a private school and the cost involved in that type of schooling. Lori did make it known that many of the students at De LaSalle are on scholarship. When Lori said "many", that number is about 60% of their student-body. Currently enrolled in De LaSalle are 144 students coming from Lee, Charlotte, and Collier counties including 3 students from Sanibel.

Testing for disabilities and clinical observations help the school identify the area of need for each child. De LaSalle is dedicated to creating individual educational programming for each child and this is driven by their specific needs and goals for learning and socialization. Educators and parents work together in formulating a pathway to success for each student. The academic environment at the school allows learning in small individual groups, as well as social interaction and learning in larger groups. The goals allow each student time to concentrate until they master the building blocks of their individualized learning program. The school helps the students understand their disabilities and how to work at overcoming these obstacles. They learn alternative and creative ways to tackle their learning challenges. In this atmosphere each child knows they will and can be successful.

They will be successful and with success comes confidence. Confidence can open the doors to socialization. "Socialization is the process by which humans beings acquire the skills necessary to perform as functioning members of society, and is the most influential learning process one can experience." *Wikipedia*

Of course, we all remember the old Chinese proverb, "One picture is worth a thousand words." So, Lori did that one better; she brought a De LaSalle video providing a visual overview of the school and the children working on their studies in small groups with some wonderful new learning tools and larger projects with hands being raised to answer questions put to them by the teacher. However, what really showed in this video was the joy on the faces of the students, eager to learn, unabashedly grasping the joy of succeeding in their studies. Parents gave testimony to their feelings of joy as well. There is no better feeling for a parent then knowing they are helping their child find a pathway to a successful future.

Information regarding DeLaSalle Academy can be found at WWW.DELASALLEFM.ORG or just call Lori at 239 245-8212 to arrange a personal tour.

ROTARY SCHOLARSHIPS ... PASS THE WORD

The Sanibel Captiva Rotary Club scholarship committee is now accepting applications for the Aldrich Memorial scholarship. The award is a 1-year grant for up to \$3,000. Lee county residents who plan to attend or already attend college or a post-secondary educational institution are eligible. This is a merit-based award for students with demonstrable financial need. Preference may be given to individuals who either reside on Sanibel and Captiva or whose parents work on the islands.

Applications are available online at www.sanibelrotary.org or contact Dan Cohn at dancohn@topproducer.com