



March 4, 2016

# San-Captions

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

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Social Media Platforms view or join us on:

Web-site: [www.sanibelrotary.org](http://www.sanibelrotary.org)

FACEBOOK: Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club

Twitter: #@sancaprotary

### Board of Director Officers:

President: Chris DeCosta  
President Elect: Charlie Emerson  
Vice President: Holli Martin  
Secretary: Chet Sadler  
Treasurer: John Danner  
Sergeant-at-Arms: Don Russell

### Board Directors:

Jack Alexander 2018  
Eldon Bohrofen 2017  
Bob Guggino 2017  
Dorrie Hipschman 2018  
John Mason 2016  
Alex Werner 2016  
Immediate PP...Bill Rahe

### Trust Fund Board

Chairman, John Grey 2017  
Secretary, Mike Raab 2016  
Foundation, Chet Sadler 2016  
Lee Almas 2017  
Dan Cohn 2018  
Treasurer, Scott Congress 2018  
Bill Rahe (Immediate PP) 2016

### SPEAKER SCHEDULE:

**MARCH** Coordinators: John Danner & EJ Neafsey  
4 Roxanne Wendling Guardian Ad Litem (Child Advocacy)  
11 Lori Riti Principal, LaSalle Academy, Ft Myers  
18 Rotary Community Vocational Excellence Award Ceremony  
25

**APRIL** Coordinators: Trent Peake and \_\_\_\_\_

**MAY** Coordinators: Alex Werner and Don Russell

**JUNE** Coordinators: Angie Larson-Roehl and Cindy DeCosta

### TODAY, MARCH 4<sup>TH</sup> PARKING

FOR THE SANIBEL COMMUNITY HOUSE ANNUAL SHELL FAIR  
SEE LEE ALMAS FOR TIMES

### MARK YOUR CALENDERS:

**MARCH 18<sup>th</sup>** Annual after-glow (after the Fair) Party at Don Russell's home. SIGNUP SHEET AVAILABLE

**APRIL 11<sup>TH</sup>** 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 15<sup>TH</sup>** ROTARY TEAM NEEDED FOR "RELAY FOR LIFE" more information to come

**MAY 12<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, & 15<sup>th</sup>**...ROTARY DISTRICT #6960 CONFERENCE  
Information on District Web-site.

WANTED... NOMINATIONS FOR OPENING ON SANIBEL-CAPTIVA ROTARY CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS. NAMES SHOULD BE GIVEN TO CLUB PRESIDENT, CHRIS DE COSTA



Sanibel-Captiva Rotary recently presented a club check for \$585 (donations collected for Shelter Box made at this year's Arts & Crafts Fair) to ShelterBox USA Representative, Rotarian Ross Spencer. Shelter Box is currently engaged in relief efforts in Syria, Greece, and Fiji.

**District #6960  
Gov. 2015-2016  
Cyndi Doragh**



**RI PRESIDENT  
2015-2016  
K.R. Ravindran**



**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)

## **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](http://www.sanibelrotary.org) or contact Dan Cohn at [dancohn@topproducer.com](mailto:dancohn@topproducer.com)**

### **Guest speaker last week, Paul Tritaik- Project Leader**

#### ***J. N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge/***

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Paul began his talk with a little history lesson highlighting the early conservation movement here in the United States. Although there have always been conservationist in every part of the world through history, the conservationist movement here in the States really took hold during the late 1800s and 1900s. During this time, it was evident that something had to be done about unrestricted hunting of our country's wildlife and destructions of our natural environmental resources. It was fashionable during this time-period for women to adorn their hats and clothing with bird feather, so much so that bird populations were being depleted. Over-hunting of Bison were quickly depleting the herds and threatening their extinction. Sea mammals were being over harvested.

Although there were federal actions in the 1800s, it wasn't until the very early 1900s that a plan seemed necessary to protect wildlife and wildlife habitats. A plan was hatched by members of the Boone and Crockett Club, a hunting club founded in 1887 by Theodore Roosevelt and friends with strong interest in conserving fish and wildlife populations and other natural resources for future generations.

In 1901 the American Ornithologist Union and the National Association of Audubon Societies (now the National Audubon Society) helped pass a model non-game bird protection law. This resulted in the initial Federal land namely, Pelican Island, set aside as a refuge for brown pelican. President Roosevelt issued 51 EXECUTIVE ORDERS establishing wildlife reservations in 17 states and three territories by the end of his administration in 1901. There are now 51 national wildlife refuges.

Management of these refuge areas became necessary. Proposed bills for an established "Refuge System", a Migratory Bird Refuge Commission, and the issuing of a one-dollar Federal hunting stamp was brought before Congress. It took eight years, before a much-revised bill passed.

"Theodore Roosevelt inspired a nation to conservation during his presidency at the turn of the century, but it didn't take long for his ideals to slip. By the 1930s, ill-advised farming practices encouraged by the federal government led to the Dust Bowl. The lid had come off of the prairie and Iowa cartoonist Jay Norwood "Ding" Darling began the vision for what would become the National Wildlife Federation. Ding Darling saw the impact from the Dust Bowl first hand as an avid waterfowl hunter and he began letting people know about it. His cartoons and conservation ethic caught the attention of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who appointed him the head of the U.S. Biological Survey in 1934 (the forerunner to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service)." *National Wildlife Refuge website*  
Exasperated in that position, Darling resigned and convinced the President to hold a North American Wildlife Conference in 1936. This led to the formation of the General Wildlife Federation-now the National Wildlife Federation-with Darling appointed President. "Ding" Darling and Roosevelt were kindred souls.

"Cartoonist, conservationist, and duck lover Jay Norwood Darling had a leading role in ensuring passage of the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act of 1937 - Pittman-Robertson Act, which provides money to states for the purchase of game habitat and help fund wildlife research through a tax on sporting firearms and ammunition" *Wildlife Refuge website*. Darling's design the flying goose "duck stamp" ... sold for one dollar toward the purchase of refuges (just an aside from Paul...that beautiful design was scribbled quickly on the spot at the printers).

**A frequent visitor to Sanibel and Captiva Darling was instrumental in the effort to block the sale of a parcel of environmentally valuable land to developers on Sanibel Island.** At Darling's urging, President Harry S. Truman signed an EXECUTIVE ORDER creating the Sanibel National Wildlife Refuge in 1945. When "Ding" Darling died in 1962, the "J. N. "Ding" Darling Foundation "was formed in honor of Darling. This foundation was responsible for the renaming of the "Sanibel National Wildlife Refuge" to the "J.N. Ding Darling Wildlife Reserve".

"The J. N. "Ding" Darling consists of over 6,400 acres of mangrove forest, submerged seagrass beds, cordgrass marshes, and West Indian hardwood hammocks. Approximately 2,800 acres of the refuge are designated by Congress as a Federal Wilderness Area. The refuge was created to safeguard and enhance the pristine wildlife habitat of Sanibel Island, to protect endangered and threatened species, and to provide feeding, nesting, and roosting areas for migratory birds. The refuge provides important habitat to over 245 species of birds". *Refuge website*. Check out this website yourself for hours of operation and a full calendar of special events.

The J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge Complex (Complex) includes Pine Island NWR, Caloosahatchee NWR, Matlacha Pass NWR, and Island Bay NWR.