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District 6960 Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club Organized 1979
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SANIBEL-CAPTIVA ROTARY CLUB

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DISTRICT #6960
GOVERNOR 2013-2014
Tim Milligan
"Make a World of Difference"

A SPECIAL WELCOME TODAY
FOR
ROTARY'S 4-WAY TEST
ESSAY WINNER
from the Sanibel School's
eighth grade class
 Maxime Miville

SERVICE ABOVE SELF
*This year Sanibel-Captiva Rotary will be participating in Rotary District #6960s Youth Exchange Program chaired by Will Palmer. He is looking for help with this project.
*South Seas Resort, Captiva Island has been selected as the site for the Rotary District #6960 - District Conference March 2015. Scot Congress has been asked to organize this event and would appreciate a few Sanibel-Captiva Rotarians to work with him on this event.

WANT TO HAVE AN EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME?
Our first shipment of wheelchairs this year is expected to arrive in Trinidad sometime in late May and distribution to take place a few weeks later. A second shipment is designated for distribution in Guatemala in the fall. Rotarians that have taken part in distribution events throughout the world have come back with an appreciation of how much a wheelchair for those in need can change their life forever. Their new mobility allows them the ability to participate more fully in the world around them.

For more information talk to Chet Sadler.

SPEAKER CORNER:

TODAY 4/25 Steve Agius, *Gift of Life*
April recruiters - John Bellino & Chet Sadler
5/2 Greg Woodham, Life in the Phillipines
5/9 Linda Kelly, Golisano Children's Hospital
5/16 Nancy Dreher - Starfish Inc. (501C3)
School for Women and Girls in Need
5/23 Tom Doyle - How to move Historic Bldgs
President of Flynn and Doyle Movers
5/30 Emilie Alfino, Manager
Sanibel Historic Museum
May recruiters: Alex Werner & Dan Cohn

Thank You,
Georgia & Don Russell for inviting us over to your home for such a warm and wonderful party last Friday night. This type of fellowship event gives all of us an opportunity to get to know each other a little better on a more social level and just have an evening celebrating a great year for our Rotary Club. The word about Don's parties must be out because we had record attendance (around 60 guests) this year. The food was absolutely amazing and the seasoned bartender really knew how to pour drinks. The fact is, I had so much fun, I forgot to take pictures.

EVENTS HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY:
April 27th...SUNDAY BLUES
BLUES INSPIRED MUSIC FESTIVAL
AT THE
BLUE COYOTE SUPPER CLUB, SANIBEL
great music and noshing \$50 cash bar
this is a benefit for the
Harlem Heights Community Center 2-6pm
May 17th...THE ROTARY CUP
Golf Tournament to benefit
PAL(Police Athletic League)
At: Heritage Palms, Fort Myers
\$100 per player
Information & Registration online:
www.therotarycup.net

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)

NEWS FROM LAST WEEK:

It was a busy meeting at Rotary last week. Trying to roll through our morning meeting rituals in quick order and getting on with our business meeting last week wasn't an easy task.

Snowbird Rotarian are still leaving and this might be their last meeting for some time, so they had just a little more to say than usual, but they also had a reason to want the business portion of this meeting to get started because many of them had bought tickets to our *Summer in the Colorado Mountains* raffle and the winning ticket was to be drawn as soon as we wrapped up all the announcements and Happy Bucks.

Everyone thought we were finally getting to the drawing, but not quite yet, there was just one other matter to take care of first. Incoming 2014-2015 Club President, Bill Rahe wanted to present a gift to outgoing, Club President, Scot Congress for his year of service and providing outstanding leadership in the planning and implementing of a great year for Rotary. Bill made note of the many accomplishments for the club this year and announced that the club's fundraising activities during Scot's presidency had reached a record net figure just north or south of \$100,000. Distribution of the proceeds from three fundraisers have allowed the Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club to present scholarships, grants, and support to a plethora of organizations and non-profits to continue their work in our community, here in Florida, and internationally. Major gifts went to Rotary Gift of Life, FL, Wheelchair Foundation, and Polio Plus. A beautiful large engraved Luc Century vase was then presented to Scot from the club in appreciation.



Now on to the drawing...first off our club wants to thank Bill Rahe for his dedicated work on this project and his crackerjack selling team, Bailey's for allowing us to sell tickets out front every weekend, and most of all to the many people who supported our club's efforts to raise money for both CROW here on Sanibel and for Polio Now, Rotary International's effort to eradicate Polio from all communities across the globe, by buying raffle tickets. Sanibel-Captiva Rotary raised somewhere around \$11,000 on this raffle. Presentation of checks to CROW and Polio Now will be presented, as soon as final figures are in.

Since, I am running out of bulletin space for this week and to do justice to our guest speaker last week, Beth Lobdell from Child Care of Southwest Florida, her remarks will be included in next week's bulletin.

Invited to participate in the drawing of the winning raffle ticket were Melissa Congress, President of CROW, and Stephen Calabro, CROW Executive Director...THE WINNING TICKET drawn by Rebecca Congress...drum roll please...the winning ticket belonged to Arlene Knox... Arlene Knox belongs to the downtown Fort Myers Rotary Club. Bill Rahe had sold the winning ticket, when he visited the club recently. Congratulation Arlene!



Not that there's any inbreeding in Rotary but it just so happened that two members of the downtown Rotary Club of Fort Myers were visiting us last Friday to drum up interest in their upcoming Rotary Cup Golf Tournament to benefit PAL-Police Athletic League on May 17th, when the winning ticket was drawn. I believe Stephen Calabro, CROW Executive Director might be a member of that Rotary club, as well.

Our club Trust Foundation, the giving arm of Sanibel-Captiva Rotary, represented by Trust Foundation member, Lee Almas, also was in a giving mood. A \$1000 Rotary check was presented to Dorrie Hipschman, Executive Director of the Bailey- Matthews Shell Museum for educational programming at the museum. Just for full disclosure, Dorrie is a Sanibel-Captiva Rotarian.



Just to make note...Rotarians world-wide are active and involved people, as we can see by their involvement in our own community. Sanibel-Captiva Rotarians are represented and serve in leadership rolls of many non-profits on the Islands and off.