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FRIDAY MORNING SPEAKER SERIES 2017:

APRIL Coordinators - Rachel Tritaik and Dick Salerno

7 Ray Boyce: "William Shakespeare-What's All This Recent Fuss About"

14 John Danner: "Springtime Religious Traditions Around the World"

21 Bill Rahe: Cowboy Poetry

28 Al Kinkle: Chairman 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

MEMBERSHIP NEWS:

Today the swearing in of Sanibel Captiva Rotary Club's newest member, Lynn Schneider.

Lynn Schneider – Director of Marketing, Shell Point Retirement Community. Club Sponsor – Eldon Bohronfen.

Lynn oversees marketing, advertising, and public relations for Shell Point; manages internal communications to 2,400 residents and 1,000 employees; and serves as their public spokesperson. She is accredited in Public Relations and certified as Public Relations Counselor by the Florida Public Relations Association. Lynn served as president of the SW Chapter of FPRA in 1990 and president of the State Association in 1999. She has received numerous awards including PR Professional of the Year and prestigious John Dillin Award for Public Relations.

RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL DONATIONS LAST WEEK:

\$100 Snowbird, Col. Bill Harkey – noting his 30th Anniversary and heading up North.

\$ 92 Mary Cramer the late Rotarian, Art Cramer's wife marking Art's 92nd birthday and his love of San-Cap Rotary.

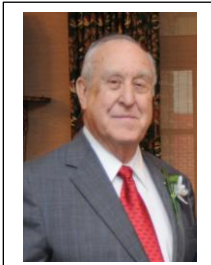
CLUB SONG ...Giver of all things good, We Thank you for this food, With one accord. Lead us we humbly pray, Onward in Rotary's way of service day by day, Most Gracious Lord (Tune of My Country Tis of Thee)



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SPEAKER NOTES FROM 3-31-2017 ... CAPTAINS FOR CLEAN WATER

"In an age when man has forgotten his origins and is blind even to his most essential needs for survival, water along with other resources has become the victim of his indifference." -- Rachel Carson

Sanibel-Captiva Rotary invited two young men to join us for our meeting last Friday and both young professionals are definitely not indifferent to water quality issues here in Florida. We hear a lot about the environmental impact that the redirecting of historic water flow of the Everglades/River of Grass to Lake Okeechobee and the pollution of the water in the Lake O. We hear a lot about the release of this water when the Lake water is high and in danger of flooding the surrounding area. "The devastating discharges kill sea-grass, oysters and other marine life, causing lasting damage to estuary ecosystems." – Captains for Clean Water.

Environmental organizations and non-profits throughout Florida have been to Tallahassee and lobbied for change involving the inflow and outflow of Lake O and have and are making progress on this issue.

However, our guest speakers last week, Captain Daniel Andrews, Board member of Captains for Clean Water and Chris Davidson, member of CCW and Manager of Island Inn, Sanibel have added an additional layer of persuasion directed to the passage of legislative Senate Bill #10 (read below). It's about the money baby...the economic impact on businesses here in Florida dependent on clean water. Numbers from Captains for Clean Water: The fishing industry is a \$9.3 billion business, tourism \$69 billion, marine industry \$15.3 billion, jobs supported by fishing 123,000, jobs supported by tourism 1.1 million, jobs supported by marine industry 183,000 and decline in Lee and Martin County property values due to poor water quality...\$969 million dollars. For every dollar spent on Everglades restoration projects, the local economy will see a \$4 rebound. Money talks and this was a brilliant approach by Captains for Clean Water.

Captain Daniel and Chris have made many trips to Tallahassee giving them the opportunity to meet with legislators and appropriation committee members allowing them to present the economic factors collected from businesses throughout Florida that our reliant on clean water. These nutshell facts are meant to bring about a gut reaction. These facts demand attention regarding water quality here in Florida and the impact water quality makes on not only the natural environment but the economic environment as well.

David and Chris are passionate about the environment for extremely good reasons. First of all, they are young. David is only 27 years old and Chris not much older; If water quality in Florida is ignored, it is their generation that will pay the biggest price. Secondly, for both men their livelihood hinges on the health and well-being of the natural environment in Florida. Captain Davidson is a fishing-guide. He witnesses first-hand what poor water quality is doing to the estuaries and bays. No fish, no job. Chris is in the hospitality business here on Sanibel and as the manager of Island Inn, knows that water quality is of major concern for guests of the hotel. When news reports of poor water conditions on Sanibel are broadcast, hotel reservations decline and cancellations are devastating for his business. Good stewardship of our waters presents a bright future for the state but neglect will only assure the economic decline in the state.

Captains for Clean Water is a membership driven non-profit. They want to improve the water quality in the estuaries, bays, gulf waters and ocean waters here in the state. A \$30 membership fee will support this young non-profit organization and the amazing work they are doing.

Florida Senate Bill #10... filed on January 26, 2017 - [Senate President Joe Negron's plan](#), announced last August to purchase land south of Lake Okeechobee for the EAA Reservoir, which will eliminate or dramatically reduce the horrific discharges to both coasts of Florida and return a flow for freshwater to be cleaned and sent south to a dehydrated Everglades and collapsing Florida Bay. Contact our State Rep. Ray Rodrigues and tell him you want this bill passed.



CHRIS DAVIDSON



DANIEL ANDREWS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

APRIL 22ND...DISTRICT ASSEMBLY...CULTURAL CT - CHARLOTTE 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.**