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

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- President: Chris DeCosta
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### Board Directors:

- Jack Alexander 2018
- Eldon Bohrofen 2017
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- John Mason 2016
- Alex Werner 2016
- Immediate PP...Bill Rahe

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- 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 2016:

- APRIL** Coordinators: Trent Peake
  - 8 Trent Peake "State of the Islands"
  - 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

### THIS MONDAY NIGHT APRIL 11<sup>TH</sup>

Sanibel-Captiva Rotary club's 36th Installation Dinner  
Captiva Island Yacht Club, 15903 Captiva Drive, Captiva. Cocktails  
are a 6:00 PM followed by Dinner at 7:00 PM

**A NIGHT TO SHOW OFF YOUR PAUL HARRIS AWARDS**



It has been proposed that Jonathan Dean be considered for membership in our Rotary Club. If you have any objections or questions concerning this person's membership, you must submit them in writing to the Club President or Secretary within 7 days of this newsletter, or it will be deemed that there are no objections. Club Sponsor ... John Mason. Jonathan is now a resident of Sanibel and formerly lived and practiced law in the State of Maine.

### MARK YOUR CALENDERS:

- APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup>** ROTARY TEAM NEEDED FOR "RELAY FOR LIFE"
  - MAY 12<sup>TH</sup>, 14<sup>TH</sup>, & 15<sup>TH</sup>** ROTARY DISTRICT #6960 CONFERENCE
- Information on District Web-site.

### 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  
K.R. Ravindran**



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

SPEAKER NOTES...APRIL 1, 2016

**All kinds of emergencies happen in life but let's talk about medical emergencies.** Transporting you or your love-ones to the appropriate medical care quickly and safely is of primary concern under these conditions. What if that appropriate medical care is in another county, state, or country? How does that work? What if you're on a cruise and you have a severe stroke and need emergency medical care immediately? What if your college-age student is studying abroad and has an extreme medical emergency and you want them transported back to the states for medical care? What if your dying wish is to be back home with family during a trying time for everyone. These types of emergency scenarios play out all the time and it's important to know what type of emergency care transport is available and be familiar with how to prepare yourself for these medical emergencies especially when traveling.

Sanibel-Captiva Rotary's speaker last week Dana Carr, Vice President & Director of Operations of Air Trek Inc., a family owned international Air Ambulance and private Jet charter service located at the Punta Gorda Airport since 1978, spoke to us about "Saving Lives at the Speed of Flight".

The companies Air Ambulance is a fully equipped medical emergency flying intensive care unit with appropriate medical staff on board according to the patient's specific medical condition.

The Staff may include an E.R. Physician, Critical Care Nurses, Registered Nurses, and other medical specialists according to need. Air Ambulance services include door-to-door medical care. Before

they even arrive to pick up a patient, they have contact with the doctors, family, and others involved to analyze what will be necessary to transport the patient safely to their destination. They also have emergency ground transportation and personnel ready to pick up the patient and transport them to the airport for their air ambulance flight and emergency ground transportation waiting upon arrival to transport the patient to their destination medical care facility. Contact with doctors and other medical professionals through and in-flight communication system is available at all times. In many cases, these flights are a life-saving mission.

Air Trek, also, transports many medically dependent patients from one area of the country or over-seas to be with family or possibly to spend some time in their own vacation homes. These patients would not be able to travel on regular air-flights.

Dana told us this story... a patient was at the Fort Myers hospice, simply identified as a farmer from Iowa. He knew he was dying from terminal cancer and his last wish was to go back home, go back to the farm; be with family and friends and see his farm again. So, his family contacted Air Trek and they flew him home. During the flight they learnt he had been one of the "Flying Farmers of Iowa" – *sometimes farm-planes were used to deliver groceries and livestock feed or deliver mail, these aircrafts served many purposes for many people.* - *Flying Farmer's Web-site* Before the Air Trek plane landed, it circled the farm so the man could take in the full view of his farm. When the plane landed, the man received a royal welcome from family and friends. When he got back to the farm and nestled in his old easy chair, family and friends provided a steady stream of visitors and no doubt a steady stream of memories. That flight took place on a Saturday and on Monday... Dana received a call from the farmer's son ...Dad had died.



These are the types of services this family owned company, Air Trek Inc., does regularly and Rotarians could tell Dana's dedication to the individuals and families he serves are extremely important to him and his family.

Remember this service is very expensive and having a specially designed and outfitted air ambulance with medical staff ready to go is an expensive operation to run. This is why travel insurance is really extremely good idea. Dana said there are special circumstances when monetary costs are absorbed by out-side agencies working with Air Trek, but that is not the norm.

Air Trek, also, has a fleet of charter private jets available for non-emergency transport needs. Business and leisure travelers can climb aboard one of their private jets and know they are in good hands. This family cares about their clients.



ROTARY DISTRICT 6960 CONFERENCE .... **"Fellowship of the Wheel"**

May 12, 2015 to May 15, 2016 at Sanibel Harbor Marriott Resort & Spa

**OUR CLUB IS HOSTING THE FRIDAY MAY 13<sup>TH</sup> OPENING BREAKFAST MEETING.**

JOHN CARNEY WILL HAVE CONFERENCE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION PROCEDURE.

