

July 10, 2015



# San-Captions

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

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## RI PRESIDENT 2015-2016

K.R. Ravindran

Waiting on official  
Picture.



## DISTRICT #6960 GOV. 2015-2016 CINDY DORAGH



## SPEAKER SCHEDULE:

TODAY...July 10  
Bobby Logue-BIG ARTS Strauss Theatre  
July 17...Stuart Spoede, FISH & WILDLIFE-Florida Fisheries

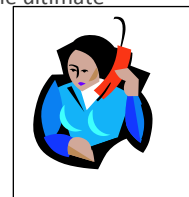
July-speaker host Michele Tiftt

**Ty S. (ty@centurylink.net) will be the local contact for the summer months to help coordinate speakers. Please send speaker info to both of us: rich5u@yahoo.com and ty@centurylink.net) Thanks.**

**DANA CONGRESS REPORTS FROM Rotary S4TL (RotarySeminar for Tomorrow's Leaders) as an official red shirt student leader at S4TL 2015 sponsored by Rotary Districts 6890, 6950, and 6960.**

Approximately 150 Rotary sponsored delegates from more than 150 high schools participate in this week -long program. Red Shirt Leaders take on the task of supporting, encouraging, and guiding the newbies through the program. Daily activities include exciting lectures, discussions, rap sessions, and demonstrations of those principles which enable an individual to lead others. Students attending the Seminar for Tomorrow's Leaders are challenged to utilize all available skill, knowledge, talent, expertise, and intelligence toward specific goals and objectives. The ultimate objective/goal of S4TL is for each student to leave the Seminar with new awareness of himself/herself, and more finely tuned to utilize their given abilities to serve others in leadership capacities throughout life.

Socialization and Fun are definitely part of the program from talent shows to friendly competitive games.



## CLUB ASSEMBLY NOTES FROM JUNE 26, 2015

Friday, June 26, 2015 was the last official duty day for our outgoing Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club, President July 2014-2015, Bill Rahe; but before handing over the gavel to incoming Club President July 2015-16, Chris DeCosta, there was a review of sorts of some of the major highlights of Bill Rahe's term in office. Under Bill's leadership the club undertook the exploration of a new type of fundraiser for San-Cap Rotary with the Club presenting the highly acclaimed theatrical production of "Unsinkable Women" a one-woman show written and performed by award winning New York actress Deborah Jean Templin. This type of fundraiser will not replace our primary Rotary Arts & Crafts Fair Fundraiser but will supplement giving specifically on the Islands. This year the Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Trust Foundation-giving arm of the Sanibel Captiva Rotary Club- has been able to distribute close to \$120,000 for global, national, and local projects; some of our larger global projects were matched by Rotary International and included collaborative grants on water projects in Guatemala. Sanibel-Captiva Rotary is currently participating

## 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)**

**RI President K.R. Ravindran chose**

Ravindran urges Rotary members to give the gifts of time, talent, and knowledge to improve lives in communities across the globe. "Through Rotary, we can take these gifts and make a genuine difference in the lives of others and in our world."

**ROTARY JUST FLOATS ALONG  
In Sanibel's 4<sup>th</sup> of July  
Parade**

**Thanks to everyone who helped assemble, paint, decorate, and ride on this year's float. A salute to all of you.**



**Con't from front**

in micro-loans for coffee farming in Guatemala and micro-loans to a women's co-op in Ethiopia. Rotary International and the Polio Plus campaign has brought huge progress toward the eradication of Polio throughout the world and our club's dedication to funding for the Wheelchair Foundation and the distribution of wheelchairs in Haiti and Jamaica has distinguished ourselves among the Rotary Clubs in our Rotary District and with Rotary International. Local non-profit organizations on and just off Island have received close to \$60,000 including the proceeds from "Unsinkable Women". A list of these organizations will soon be posted on the Sanibel-Captiva Rotary web site...sanibelrotary.org. This has been a great Rotary year and we thank all Rotarians and the community for helping us with our fundraising efforts and their support throughout the year.

Another remarkable achievement under Bill's leadership, this year, has been the induction of fourteen new members into the Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club. To stress the quality of a couple of our new members they were asked to present a brief informal oral biography at this meeting.

Ty Symvoski, Tarpon Bay Explorers Nature Tours & Rentals. Ty and his family have had a connection to Sanibel since the 1920. Two of his family's residences are now part of the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village. Although he didn't grow up on the Island, he visited often. After graduating from the University of Michigan he got his first job with the newly formed City of Sanibel's planning department staying on for the next ten years. Ty told us he bought his first house on Sanibel on Periwinkle Way for about \$1,000. Ty left Sanibel for adventure and travel eventually landing a job in the planning department in Key West. The commonality of these two Paradise Islands is obvious; beaches, sand, sun, great lifestyle, tourism and a Rotary Club. Years went by and Ty found himself lured back to Sanibel and back as an active member of the Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club. Cindy DeCosta, Director of The Children's Education Center of the Island. While attending St. Mary's College in Virginia Cindy spent some time in Brazil. She laughs at herself because she thought she was pretty good at Spanish and that would come in handy when she studied in Brazil but quickly found out Brazilians spoke Portuguese. One thing about Cindy, she has a good sense of humor and that comes in handy throughout life.

After graduating from St. Mary's, she soon found herself quickly immersed in childcare, with four of her own. Cindy meshed the need to stay home with the desire to run her own at home day care business for a number of years. After moving to Florida, she found a teaching position at the Children's Education Center on the Island. It wasn't long before the director of CCI wanted to retire and Cindy applied for the job and the rest is history.

Speaking of history and still having Sanibel-Captiva Membership in focus. Jim Reed, a fifty-one year Rotarian. First starting out in Muncie, Indiana and then transferring to Sanibel in 1991 just at the beginning of our club. He gave us some background on our scholarship program and how it was first funded by a pancake breakfast at the Community House but soon that breakfast became the nucleus of the now Rotary Arts and Crafts Fair. This Fair is the primary fundraiser for San-Cap Rotary and continues to fund all of our Rotary projects.

Now it was time for Bill Rahe to handle over the President's gavel to Chris DeCosta. It has been a great year for Rotary under Bill's leadership and Chris has some big shoes to fill.



**THANKS, BILL!**

**ROAD KILL is now scheduled for the third Saturday of every month.**