

July 10, 2015



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SPEAKER SCHEDULE:

TODAY...

July 17...Stuart Spoede, FISH & WILDLIFE-Florida Fisheries

July 24...Ben Feldman, "The Heart of America" discussing how people, in our area and on their own, have helped others without reliance on government.

July-speaker host Michele Tiffit

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.



**WE ARE THE BEST
YEAH BABY! IT'S OFFICIAL
THE ROTARY CLUB OF SANIBEL-CAPTIVA
DECLARED THE BEST BY THE FLOAT JUDGES AT THE
25TH ANNUAL SANIBEL-CAPTIVA
INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE
BEST FLOAT BY A NON-PROFIT
MOST PATROTIC- ROTARY CLUB OF SANIBEL-CAPTIVA,
ALONG WITH MAUGHAN LAW GROUP
BEST MUSIC**

CONGRATULATIONS Rotarian Dorrie Hipschman, executive director of The Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum, has been appointed to serve on VISIT FLORIDA'S Cultural, Heritage, Rural and Nature (CHRN) Committee for a term effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. The committee works in conjunction with VISIT FLORIDA to develop and promote expanding facets of nature-based tourism, culture heritage, as well as rural tourism that will increase the number of Florida visitors. CHRN also promotes extended stays for improved economic benefit and quality of life factors for all areas of the state. The VISIT FLORIDA committee is a volunteer position. Hipschman has 20 years of experience directing non-profit organizations.

PRESIDENTIAL THEME 2015-16: BE A GIFT TO THE WORLD

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."

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
2015-2016**

K.R. Ravindran

**Waiting on official
Picture.**



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



"Did you miss the opportunity to buy an exclusive shirt from this year's Rotary Arts and Crafts Fair? Perfect for the water and beach, these quick-dry long-sleeved shirts (lime green with Ikki Matsumoto dolphin on front and silver with Myra Roberts sea turtle on the back) are still available from our website, www.sanibelrotarystore.org FREE SHIPPING to Sanibel and Captiva! Check out these and other items and support Rotary."

NOTES FROM July 10th

As the gavel was brought down last Friday morning, it was official Chris DeCosta took on the responsibility of being the new President of the Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club 2015-16. Chris, as many Islanders know is a founding partner in the law firm of Holtz Mahshie DeCosta –Sanibel and Fort Myers - concentrating on real estate litigation. During the summer months attendance at our Friday morning Rotary club meetings dwindles down to a precious few; but it is also the time when much of the planning for season takes place. New giving opportunities are discussed and new request for funds are encouraged and reviewed. One of those new requests is the opportunity of putting in place a brand new Sanibel-Captiva Rotary scholarship at Florida Southwestern College/FSW/ Edison College. Basically hand delivering that request was Paul Bova, Senior Director Development at FSW . Our Rotary Club has a long tradition of providing scholarships to students with outstanding academic achievement and financial need. In fact, raising scholarship funds was the driving force for the original Rotary Arts & Crafts Fair here on the Island.

Taking every opportunity to bring attention to the changes going on campus at FSW, Paul got up for a few minutes and highlighted some of those changes. Along with the name change a year ago, a new vitality emerged on campus. Many young people today see the value of attending their local colleges from both an academic and financial prospective; but while attending local college they also want the full college experience. With that in mind FSW has built two dormitory residences recently and is reintroducing a serious college level sports program at the school. Ground breaking of the new SunCoast Credit Sports Arena took place last week and before you know it tickets to Buccaneers Basketball games will be on sale. Just a short distance from Campus on the grounds of former Red Sox stadium-at City of Palms Park, FSW's Buccaneers baseball and softball teams are getting ready for their upcoming seasons. Keep an eye on the sport's page for announcements of FSW team schedules.

After Paul had a few moments at the podium, Chris invited Bobby Logue, Artistic Director of the BIG ARTS Herb Strauss Theatre to update us on theater offerings this year. Bobby's whole personality exudes high energy and enthusiasm for what he does at the theater and his love of theater. When he came to the Sanibel originally to work for J.T. Smith and the Old Schoolhouse Theater, he never imaged that he would actually stay here and become the head of a theater of his own on the Island. Bobby spent many years acting and dancing his way around the world; first in Broadway Productions and then on cruise ships. It was fun and exciting but dancers have a stage life, so to speak. When he came to Sanibel, he was contemplating what was ahead for him in the theater business. Well we all know what happened to Bobby but Bobby was really not at our meeting to talk about himself, he was here to bring us news about the Strauss's summer production of *Rhythm of the Night* and the exciting season ahead of music and drama at the theater starting in the fall. Now open...*Rhythm of the Night* is a high-octane production exuding the sounds and energy of Latin music over the last decade. Bobby has selected music that will have you chair-dancing in your seats and has brought together an outstanding Broadway cast that will bring the romance and fun of the Latin culture to life on stage. Don't walk but dance your way to the box office at the Strauss and pickup tickets to this dazzling production of *Rhythm of the Night* at the Strauss till August 15th.



As for the upcoming season starting in November look for the new musical revue *Duets* -November 20th to December 3rd, followed by a special *Christmas/Holiday Show* – December 18th to New Year's Eve. 2016 will bring in *Camping with Henry and Tom*, *Stepping Out*, and ending the season *Musical of Musicals* -March 18th to April 16th.

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