

July 11, 2014



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

IT WAS OFFICIAL AS OF JULY 1, 2014

Board of Director Officers:

President: Bill Rahe
President Elect: Chris DeCosta
Vice President: Charlie Emerson
Secretary: Chet Sadler
Treasurer: John Danner
Sergeant-at-Arms: Don Russell

Board Directors:

Past President: Scot Congress
Bob Guggino-17
Holli Martin-17
John Mason
Bunny Ospa
Dick Waterhouse
Alex Werner

Trust Fund Board:

President, John Grey
Treasurer, TBD
Secretary, Mike Raab
Rotary Foundation, Chet Sadler
Lee Almas-17
John Bellino
Jim Lavelle
Scot Congress PP



Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Board Officers 2014/15 effective July 1, 2014 one-year term
President-Bill Rahe, President Elect-Chris DeCosta, Vice President-Charlie Emerson,
Secretary-Chet Sadler, Treasurer-John Danner, Sergeant-at-Arms-Don Russell &
PP 2013/14-Scot Congress

At our last meeting June 27th we held the last club assembly for Rotary year 2013-2014. Club Rotarians reviewed the outstanding accomplishments the club achieved under the leadership of our out-going (now past-president) Scot Congress and took a look forward with an outline of things the club will hope to accomplish in this new Rotary year 2014-2015.

HIGHLIGHTS for 2013-14

Most successful Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Arts in Crafts Fair in the club's history.

Three additional fundraisers held during this year:

1. Classical Concert with Francesco Alteri proceeds benefited *Rotary Gift of Life, FL*
2. Guatemala Coffee Sales proceeds went to Micro-financing loans with *As Green As It Gets* in Guatemala.
3. Colorado Vacation Package proceeds went to *Rotary Polio Plus* and *CROW*, Sanibel.

Matching Fund Grants received from Rotary District # 6960 and Rotary International for *Wheelchair Foundation* distributed in Haiti and Jamaica and a designated donation to support the work of *El Hogar* in Honduras.

Support donations were distributed to sixteen local non-profits, with the largest contribution going to *Harlem Heights Center*, Fort Myers to continue their programming of further education at this facility.

The club continued to support focus on literacy/education in a number of ways including three annual college scholarships, annual Rotary Dictionary Day at Sanibel School and Fort Myers Beach Elementary, funding of educational activities at the Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum, Sanibel Sea School and new this year Child Care of SW Florida.

Special Financial support continued with emergency response supplies through Shelter-Box USA to improve the lives of others throughout the world in time of need.

A near 50/50 split between local and international giving was attained this year.

The Sanibel-Captiva Rotary is dedicated to bettering the lives of others and all members can take pride in our club accomplishments this year. Without dedicated Rotarians the endeavors of this pass year could not have happened. Which brings us to our extraordinary membership chair, Janet Strickland and her committee John Pryor and Lee Almas; the Sanibel-Captiva Rotary has inducted seven new members this past Rotary year: Jack Alexander, Susan Betzig, Brian Boyd, Gil Candia, Dorrie Hipschman, Holli Martin, and Angela Roehl. The membership committee has also refined our membership recruiting activities including a

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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)

ROTARY ON PARADE

With small town flair, Sanibel celebrated July 4th in a big way. Our new club President, Bill Rahe, was in charge of our float this year and he and his float crew...did one bang up job. Don't really know how Bill finds the time and energy to do some of the projects that his creative mind comes up with but Rotarians do know that when Bill makes up his mind to do something, that something gets done and done right. He has a lot of people to thank for carrying out his design concept including Rotary members and extended Rotary family. Float construction team: Lee Almas, the John Grey paint crew, Dan Hahn, Walter Hendry, Larry Martin, Mike Raab, Chet Sadler, RJ Zcerepak, and some great garage-supervisors. Special thanks to Henry Nachtsheim for the use of his trailer. The crew built a large seating platform, an eight-foot working ferris-wheel, and a frame system that held a large American flag upright about another four feet above and in back of the ferris-wheel. Highly decorated in red, white, and blue with bunting around...our Rotary float did make a statement. Leading our club float in the parade was Scot Congress and his daughter Rebecca in their golf cart carrying a perfectly framed Sanibel-Captiva Rotary club banner. Great job everyone including float riders: Lee Almas, Brian & Gina Boyd, Chris DeCosta, Shirley Jewell, Holli Martin, Joel Ospa, Mike Raab, Bill Rahe, Chet Sadler, Rachael & Liam Tritaik, and Alex Werner. Rotary would, also, like to thank Larry Martin for his skillful driving and pulling of our float trailer along the parade route...no one got run over.



SPEAKER CORNER:

July 11 - Lee County Emergency Manager

July 18 - Rotary District 6960 - Governor. Pete Doragh

July 25 - BIG ARTS Executive Director, Lee Ellen Harder

July Speaker Chairs - Janet Strickland & Angela Roehl

August 1 - Organ Donations - Ashley Moore

August 8 - Circuit Court Judge assigned to the criminal and probate dockets in Charlotte County, speaking about the judicial system. Amy Hawthorne

August 15, 22, 29 - TBA

August Speaker Chair - Chet Sadler

September Speaker Chairs - John Grey & Tony Gropp

Rotarian, Brian Boyd will be replacing Emily Kletzien as our speaker chair for the Rotary year 2014-2015. **Speaker recruiters should send information regarding up-coming speakers to: Brian Boyd www.MagicofBrianBoyd.com...including AV equipment needs.**

ROTARIANS CELEBRATING



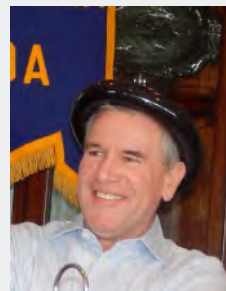
Wedding Anniversaries:

21 years

Jack & Susan Alexander

15 years

Holli & Larry Martin



Birthday

A BIG ONE

John Bellino

ROTARY DISTRICT #6960 GOVERNOR *visiting next week*

PETE DORAGN

The Rotary Club of Fort Myers, South

A Rotarian since 1992, Pete is honored to be serve as District Governor 2014-15 and proud to serve District 6960. He has been President of the Rotary Clubs of Fort Myers South and Fort Myers Sunrise, with the classification of Law – Real Estate/Commercial. Pete and his wife, Cyndi, are both active in their Club, the District and the Rotary Youth Exchange international student exchange programs. Pete is a Major Donor, member of the Bequest Society, Benefactor, Paul Harris Society Member and graduate of Rotary Leadership Institute. Pete has been honored as “Rotarian of the Year” by his Club, Fort Myers South. Pete has consistently served Fort Myers Rotary South for many years, at present as a member of the Board and as past Chairman of the Clubs All Star High School Football Game. Along the way he has served as a club secretary, committee chair on numerous occasions and most importantly as an active volunteer club member.

Pete is passionate about Rotary Youth Exchange, having served the last several years as the District Chairman, Both he and Cyndi maintain active roles in RYE Florida, Inc. Pete has been a board member for the last several years. Pete served on the NAYEN International Conference Host Committee for 2013 held in Orlando. Pete has served as the District Secretary, and was Assistant Governor for Area 4.

NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

TUESDAY, JULY 22, 2014

5:00 PM SANIBEL-CAPTIVA COMMUNITY BANK

SPEAKER NOTES from Assembly

more organized methodology for vetting out new members and the compiling of a new membership handbook. This is an amazing group of new Rotarians, many joining key committees and making outstanding contributions already to the success of our club. New member sponsor recognition went to: Scot Congress, John Pryor, Mike Raab, Janet Strickland, and Roger Triftshauer.

Scot also wanted to initiate a way in which the club could recognize club Rotarians for outstanding SERVICE ABOVE SELF (the Rotary motto) dedication and work with Rotary and with other organizations or projects within our community. Alex Werner and his committee, Chet Sadler and Lee Almas took on this responsibility and a decision was made to award Rotary International/ Paul Harris Fellowship Awards (*using club Rotary International points \$1,000 contribution given in person's name to the Rotary International Trust for further investment in the future of Rotary) to the following Sanibel-Captiva Rotary members: Lee Almas, Warner Byrum, John Grey, Tony Guggino, Robert Monk, Don Russell, Chet Sadler and Dick Waterhouse.



Warner Byrum & Dick Waterhouse not at meeting.

Before turning over the meeting to in-coming Sanibel-Captiva Rotary President, Bill Raye, and Scot's official duty included a vote to fill a vacancy that had just occurred on the roster for the 2014-15 Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Board of Directors. Nominated to fill that vacancy was Rotarian, Holli Martin. Holli will now fill that position.



At this point Scot, turned over the meeting to in-coming Sanibel-Captiva Rotary President, Bill Raye. Anyone that knows Bill will know he is one prepared person. Aided by a well-designed power-point presentation Bill laid out an outstanding visual guide listing the projected accomplishments that he would like the club to work toward in the year ahead.

One of the most important goals for Sanibel-Captiva Rotarians this year will be encouraging the growth in club membership. This past year our club inducted seven new members and our club membership committee has set a goal this year to increase that number. Bill will continue to focus on member involvement knowing that his goals cannot be accomplished without having members step-up to the tasks ahead. The club Trust Board is currently working on a giving budget and the club will be supporting many of the non-profits and organizations that the club sees as a sustainable and worthy of Sanibel-Captiva Rotary support..

This year the club will be participating in the District 6960's Student Exchange Program. Our club hosts will be John Bellino and his family. Our

student will be arriving soon and hopefully we will all help John in planning activities that will provide an exciting and wonderful experience for this student.

The club will hold a new club fundraiser,-a theater production of *UNSINKABLE WOMEN*, to benefit the following community non-profits – Sanibel Historical Museum & Village, Human Trafficking Awareness Partnership, and BIG ARTS. So, mark your calendar for April 9th, 2015 Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club fundraiser, *UNSINKABLE WOMEN* starring award-winning New York Actress, Deborah Jean Templin. More details about this fundraiser can be found on our club web-site...www.sanibelrotary.org.

The planning for this Rotary year includes many giving opportunities including seeking matching funds for funding projects through our Rotary District 6960 and Rotary International and last but not least fellowship activities will be expanded this year. Plans are presently in the investigative mode.

Bill ended his power-point presentation with a listing of club committees for this year and their chairpersons: **Trust Board**, John Grey; **Membership**-Janet Strickland; **Club Public Relations**, Shirley Jewell; **Club Administration**, Alex Werner; **Speaker Program**, TBA; **Club Web Page & Store**, Joel Ospa; Fellowship, Don Russell; **Meeting Set-up & Attendance**, Scot Congress; **Paul Harris Awards**, Alex Werner; **Nominating**, John Grey; **Constitution Bylaws Review/Revise**, Robert Monk & Dick Salerno; **Service Projects**, Lee Almas, **Fund Raising**, Chet Sadler; **Community Service/Youth**, Ed Wheeler; **Vocational**, John Mason; **International**, Guy Tober , **Rotary Foundation**, Chet Sadler and **Arts & Crafts Fair**, Scot Congress & Robert Monk.