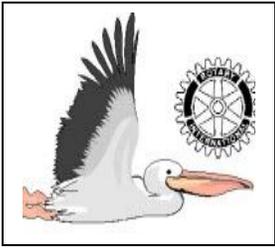


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SPEAKER SCHEDULE:

TODAY August 14th – Business Roundtable with Club Members

August 21st – Kelly Sloan – SCCF Biologist and Sea Turtle Coordinator 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.

ROAD KILL 8/15 - is now scheduled for the third Saturday of every month.

Architectural Renderings of the
SANIBEL COMMUNITY HOUSE

Proposed new

Exterior Design by

Amy Norwicki ,



One of the oldest buildings on Island outside the grounds of the Sanibel Historic Museum and Village is the Sanibel Community House. The original Community House structure of about 1500 sq. ft. was built in 1927...now called the North Room and was added onto twice after... in the 1950s the middle room, and in the 1979...the auditorium. If walls could talk, the Community House walls would reveal stories of Island politics, social gatherings, and about the founding of many civic organizations and cultural activities on the Island. Okay, so why are we talking about the Sanibel Community House? Well, for a couple of reasons. One is that the Sanibel-Captiva Rotary is now holding our regular Friday morning meetings at the Community House where we can't help but notice architectural drawings for the proposed Community House reconstruction project prominently displayed in the lobby.

Reason two because we invited the Community House Executive Director, Teresa Riska-Hall to bring us up-to-date on the proposed renovation project on the Community House. Indications are that the city planning department and the Sanibel Planning Council are vigilantly reviewing the proposed construction plans and hopefully it is just a matter of time before actually construction begins during summer 2016.

Teresa, told us she has a passion and it's connected to Sanibel's History
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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)**

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**Waiting on official
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Con't from front

and the Community House being part of that History...as she says, "History Matters". There has been much speculation about whether the Community Association would actually move the Community House across Periwinkle to become part of the proposed future Common Core project. After much thoughtful consideration and pressing needs for improvements to the Community House, the Sanibel Community Association Board and Community Association Membership determined that they will not move the Sanibel Community House but would keep this historic part of Sanibel's history right where the community placed it in 1927 and where the memories of our Island have been held over the years.

With that decision made, it was time to discuss the actual condition and functionality of the present building. The historic part of the building works extremely well and is in relatively good standing but not so with the 1950 and 1970 expansion add-ons. Problems that need to be addressed...building flow, electrical and sound systems, fire and air systems, restroom functionality, kitchen layout, and storage. After much discussions in-house, with community members, construction professionals, and the city on how to best address these problems an architect was called in to draw up some plans. Actually a couple of architects were called in; there was tweaking, more tweaking, re-tweaking, city input, change of architect and finally a plan. Stop by the lobby of the Community House; check the beautiful architectural drawings by Architect, Amy Nowacki, AIA. You will be duly impressed...restoration of the original historic structure... opening back up the front window area to extended the width of that entrance side and replacing the now very worn floor with similarly appropriate and aged wood.

The most extensive area to be renovated will be the center part of the building...major changes will happen here...a portico style structure and entrance will bring you into a new welcoming entry-way lobby... to relocate the lobby the current hall and storage areas now leading to the North Room will be opened up and combined ...complete rebuilding of the middle room including new electrical and sound system and a complete remodeling of the kitchen expanding the footprint into the storage and hall space nearby stealing floor space where ever possible...the auditorium space will pretty much stay the same with new electrical and sound system but both outside walls of the auditorium will be reconfigured. The current lobby space will be rebuilt to house restrooms, a corridor, storage space and an abutted expansion on this side of the building will include a small board room and outside vestibule...on the opposite outside wall of the auditorium the plans call to add on storage space for the Shellcrafters.

Even before the Common Core idea was put forth, the Community House was beginning to put aside funding for some of these updates but it became more and more apparent that it was time to go ahead and bite the bullet...major renovation was needed. There have been a few go and stops on this project but the plans are on the drawing board, city approval is in the works, and now how to you pay for it. That will be the challenge. The cost is estimated to come in somewhere around \$1.975 Million. The Community Association is asking the community to rally around this project ...the community has always been the central focus of this historic place. The land the Community House sits on was donated by an Islander, the original Community House was built with funds raised by the community, subsequent additions were funded by the community, and now it's time to do it again. \$1,975 Million should not be that hard to raise to guarantee that this historic place will continue to be here for many generations to come. The Sanibel Community House is not funded by the city, but as before, the generous members of our community will be needed to help raise money for this project...stop by talk to Teresa, look at the plans, ask questions ...oh, and bring your checkbook.

SPEAKER NOTES FROM 8-1-15 James Johnstone, ECHL Hockey Referee/Linesman

Rotarians were surprised by the youthfulness of our speaker this week. The fact is, he is definitely younger than most of our speakers and considerably younger than most of our members. A very recent graduate of Ava Maria University Law School, James had only sat for his bar exam the end of last month. Johnstone is already employed at a Law firm specializing in estate planning in Southwest Florida and will continue, hoping to pass the bar exam soon. The law will be Johnstone's profession but the game of Hockey will continue to play an important part of his life.

He was born into a hockey family. His Dad played professional Hockey in Ontario Canada and definitely all his kids took to the ice. Jim's brother plays professional Hockey in Austria; his brother-in-law plays professional Hockey in Switzerland. The entire family has been involved in hockey all their lives including his sister and when in town joins Jim on the ice coaching youth soccer clinics at Germain Arena. Involvement in hockey is a Johnstone family legacy. Jim, himself, played hockey at FGCU but found his interest in hockey was more directed toward coaching and refereeing. This is his fourth season of coaching the Estero High School Hockey team and loves his involvement with FGCU youth Hockey program and private coaching sessions with up-and-coming youth hockey stars. Jim told us, "Youth hockey provides the opportunity to not only teach hockey skills to kids between the ages of 6 to 14 but to experience their emerging enthusiasm for the sport, see the kids evolve in their understanding of team play and watch as their families become hockey families."

Eventually Johnstone found that refereeing games also brought him gratification and now is in his eighth season as an ECHL linesman. He began his professional officiating career in 2005-06 in the Southern Professional Hockey League and has worked several USA Hockey District Championships. Coach Johnstone has a passion for the sport of Hockey handed down directly by his father. His ice skills of course, but so much more lessons about working hard, discipline, building relationships, teamwork, and how to direct your energy toward a goal.

Johnstone has learnt his lessons well. His refereeing opportunities have brought him in contact with people all over the country and he was selected to referee the Hockey ALL-STAR Classic in Orlando 2015. Hockey involves a quick skill set, a quick mind, and a fit body. So, let's talk about the latter...fit body...Jim decided he didn't have enough on his plate, I guess, and so decided to train for triathlons. Jim the over-achiever, that he is-was showing his car at a car show, got to talking with this guy about the car and somehow got to talking about triathlons and then the discussion turned to what kind of law he wanted to go into...estate planning...just so happen the guy was not only a fellow triathlon competitor but a lawyer and specialized in estate planning...BADA BING!...a job offered.

So as, NHL Pittsburgh Penguins Hockey Player said, "Whether you're trying to learn in hockey or trying to learn in life, I've always tried to be observant and tried to learn more, tried to evolve, whether it's as a hockey player or as a person. With each year, I try to do that." I think that sums up what James Johnstone is doing...going out there...following his passions...not afraid to work hard... take life as it comes but always having a goal in mind...and not missing opportunities when they present themselves. Lessons his dad taught him...and he was smart enough to take hold of.