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SPEAKER SCHEDULE 2016:

JULY Coordinators:

AUGUST Coordinator: Chet Sadler
 5 Eric Milbrandt Director of Marine Lab SCCF
 12 Chet Sadler "Our Club's Projects in Haiti, Guatemala, and Uganda"
 19 Bill Hattaway FL Dept of Transportation Pedestrian and Bicyclist Safety Issues
 26 tba

SEPTEMBER Coordinators: Jack Alexander and Scot Congress

SPEAKER CHAIR... Rich Mattern Rich5u@yahoo.com

ROTARIANS MAKING NEWS AND HAVING FUN

Rotary Leadership Institute - Sunshine Division

Teaching LEADERS about ROTARY

Saturday, August 20, 2016

at Keiser University, Ft. Myers

RLI is offering Part I, II, III, and the Graduate course on the Foundation.



Parts 1, 2 and 3 must be taken in succession. Parts offered are 1, 2, 3, and Graduate on August 20th.

Each part (session) starts at 8:00am and lasts until 3:30pm and NO more than one class(part) can be taken in any one day.

\$95 per session

Included:

Coffee at 7:30 a.m., Breakfast , & Box Lunch

Keiser University, 9100 Forum Corporate Parkway, Fort Myers and it is very close to the I-75 just off junction 138.

ROTARY DISTRICT #6960 GOVERNOR, 2016-2017 Ladd Waldo, Lakewood Ranch

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INTERNATIONAL ROTARY CONFERENCE ATLANTA JUNE 10TH – JUNE 14TH, 2017

REMINDER...ANY CLUB ROSTER CORRECTIONS SHOULD BE SENT TO CHET SADLER BY 3RD WEEK OF THE MONTH. CHET@SANIBELROTARY.ORG NO CORRECTIONS THIS MONTH

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)

CONGRATULATION, ONCE AGAIN, TO OUR FOURTH OF JULY FLOAT CHAIRMAN, DESIGNER, AND CARPENTER...BILL RAYE... AND HIS TEAM FOR RECEIVING THE FOLLOWING RECOGNITION FOR OUR SANIBEL-CAPTIVA ROTARY FLOAT ENTRY IN THIS YEAR'S SANIBEL FOURTH OF JULY PARADE

BEST NOT-FOR-PROFIT FLOAT
BEST SALUTE TO THE U.S. SOLDIERS
MOST ORIGINAL DESIGN
MOST PATRIOTIC



SPEAKER NOTES FROM JULY 15, 2016...For a few weeks in July our regular Rotary meetings had been concentrating basically on Sanibel-Captiva Rotary business and going over some of the details with this year's budgeting figures and fundraising ideas. But at the last meeting I attended before my vacation, the club welcomed American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) advocate, Becky McKenzie to the podium. ACS CAN is the nation's leading cancer advocacy organization that is working every day to make cancer issues a national priority. McKenzie had an important story to tell and I decided to include it in today's bulletin.



Becky herself is a **CANCER** victim and her own story reveals the importance of realizing **CANCER** can strike anyone, of any nationality, gender, or age. This petite 35-year-old woman has been living with a rare form of thyroid **CANCER**, probably most of her life, but didn't realize it until she was 28-years-old. She knew something was wrong, she had a number of throat infections and her immune system was depressed. Her journey to get her diagnosis took eight years and evolved seven doctors. Eventually she was diagnosed with stage 4 Medullary Thyroid Cancer with no known cure.

As Becky told us, "You have to be your own medical advocate and go by your own instincts concerning health. If your doctor isn't coming up with a diagnosis and treatment that you feel is on the right course, go for another opinion, hell, go for as many other opinions necessary". Becky realized each of her doctors had different medical experiences and many of those had no real answer for her problems. She finally went to a new doctor at the Moffitt Cancer Center in Tampa for evaluation and diagnosis. He thought he knew what was wrong right away...a weird genetic type of cancer... but tests would have to confirm this diagnosis. While waiting for the test results, Becky moved to Texas. The test was now in, she would have to fly home to Florida to get the results. As Becky said, "Sometimes life puts you in the right place at the right time." As luck would have it, she was now living near The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center and could have results given to her by one of their cancer specialists. Hold on...test results...**CRASH...**"you have stage 4 Medullary Thyroid Cancer with no known cure".

Becky moved back to Florida, it was a scary time. She had some type of surgery but will have to live with Medullary Thyroid Cancer for the rest of her life. There really is no effective treatment for stage 4 Medullary and no drugs. She was not going to die. She would have to find her new normal. This is a form of cancer that she found out is hereditary and she realized that her dad probably had suffered with it but it wasn't diagnosed. He suffered from depression and took his own life when she was very young. Since receiving her diagnosis, Becky found many of her father's family and their offsprings have a form of this **CANCER**. As a preventive, they now sometimes remove the thyroid to prevent this type of **CANCER** in the future.

Becky did go through a period of depression herself. What would life hold for her living with Medullary Thyroid **CANCER** for the rest of her life? But she did realize...she was alive, she had loved ones, she was talented, she did have a life in front of her, she could help others with her story, damn...she would get out there and do her best.

Becky took up running...yes, running. She used running to get out of her funk and get back to living. This was not easy at first, but as she told us, it gave her the inspiration to set goals for herself...get up, get going, get with it... and this attitude has helped her set goals in her life ever since.

One of those goals was to become an advocate speaking to government officials about cancer research and policies. She is amazing at it. Along with progressing in her own professional career, Becky takes every opportunity to lobby for the ACS CAN. She's not afraid to get in people's faces, let them know what it is like for families suffering from the effects of **CANCER**, what they deal with, what they expect from their legislatures. McKenzie brought up recent government shutdowns and what that did to the financing of treatment and research for **CANCER** patients. It caused havoc.

Recently, McKenzie met with Rep. Curt Clawson and Sen. Bill Nelson's staff to get their support on bills to remove barriers to Colorectal Screening Act. Becky is a dynamo and a force to be reckoned with.

Advice to government officials...when Becky knocks on your door...open it.