

# San-Captions

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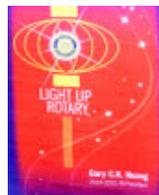
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## SPEAKER CORNER

**TODAY 9/12** : Tony Gropp group leader-  
Open Floor Discussion on business relationships  
between Rotarians and other professionals in our  
community.

9/19 : Mary Freyre Health Education Specialist...Alvin A Dubin Alzheimer's  
Resource Center. Ft Myers.

9/26 : John Danner. Recent Wheelchair Distribution trip

**September Speaker Recruiters - John Grey & Tony Gropp**

**October : Dan Cohn**

**November : Rachel Tritaik**

**December : Chris De Costa**

**L**ast week, John Danner was presented a Paul Harris award from the Sanibel-Captiva Rotary (presenter Alex Werner PP - chair of club's Paul Harris Award Committee). The award represented John's outstanding Fundraising Bike Ride **60 for 60** effort sponsored by many of his friends, church family, Rotarians, and community members. The sponsorships helped John meet his personal goal of raising enough money to purchase **60** wheelchairs for the Rotary Wheelchair Foundation for his 60th birthday.

John rode his bike from Fort Lauderdale to Key West celebrating his **60th - 60 for 60**. John not only reached his goal but exceeded it beyond his dreams.

John Danner, his grandson (who biked part of the trip with him), John Grey, along Past District Governor, Don Thomas and wife Susan and other District 6960 Rotarians are taking part in a wheelchair distribution event delivering 280 wheelchairs in Trinidad this week.

**Live Skype** transmission from Trinidad expected.



### 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)**

## SPEAKER NOTES...MOON MUSEUM

Sanibel-Captiva Rotary invited the Director of Exhibition and Collection at the Bob Rauschenberg Gallery, Florida SouthWestern State College (formerly Edison State College), Jade Dellinger to visit a recent Rotary meeting and tell us about the now running art exhibit titled *The Moon Museum Apollo XII's Secret Art Mission* and upcoming exhibits this year celebrating the tenth anniversary of the re-naming of the Gallery in honor of Artist, Bob Rauschenberg. "Rauschenberg was considered by many to be one of the most influential American artists due to his radical blending of materials and methods; Robert Rauschenberg was a crucial figure in the transition from Abstract Expressionism to later modern movements. One of the key Neo-Dada movement artists, his experimental approach expanded the traditional boundaries of art, opening up avenues of exploration for future artist." Rotarian, Bunny Ospa, a docent at the Gallery introduced Dellinger with the usual biographical material – educational background and professional experiences - twenty-five years as an independent Art Curator - but added a note reflecting on Jade's introduction to the importance of work presented at galleries and museums to the general public for understanding and reflection. As a young child, Jade attended many events at the National Baseball Hall of Fame as the great-grandson of Hall of Famer, Edd J. Roush - Cincinnati Reds. This experience gave him the appreciation of the interest and intimate relationship people form to the topics presented in exhibits and at museums. Fast-forward a few years and Jade now had gained a reputation as a much sort after independent curator bringing together art projects and art exhibits to many galleries across the nation and abroad. Certainly along the way Jade had collected many fine pieces of art himself and is always looking to acquire art that interests him. One of his acquisitions, purchased on-line, a tiny ceramic chip produced at the Bell Laboratories in 1969 –  $\frac{3}{4}$  x  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch. This tiny chip titled in the Art World as the *Moon Museum* was *told* to hold artwork of six prominent artists from the late 1960's – Robert Rauschenberg, David Novros, John Chamberlain, Claes Oldenburg, Forrest Myers, and Andy Warhol. Examination of the chip disclosed the actual presence of artwork...but why the title Moon Museum and are the stories true about the creation of the chip/16 such chips? Well the story goes something like this...the whole country and world was caught up in the Apollo II Space mission, intrigued by the possibilities that lay ahead for all of us. With the upcoming Apollo I2 mission scheduled to land on the moon and knowing that NASA had commissioned artists to celebrate space flight, came the idea from artist, Forrest "Frosty" Myers seeking permission from NASA to produce a tiny ceramic chip holding original artwork by a

group of renowned artist to create the first art museum in space...titled the *Moon Museum* to travel on Apollo 12 and be left behind on the moon. Permission was hinted at but never granted. Forrest pursued the museum effort himself collecting specially created art for the project by friends and fellow artists: Robert Rauschenberg, David Novros, John Chamberlain, Claes Oldenburg, Forrest Myers, and Andy Warhol. Using connections the artists had made working on other collaborative efforts as part of a Art and Technology program a ceramic chip, actually sixteen chips, were produced at Bell Labs. And skirting security measures, found someone connected with the mission to place a *Moon Museum* chip aboard the Apollo's Lunar Module, to be left behind after the Apollo I2 mission was complete on the moon. Quoting Forrest "Frosty" Myers – Instead of going through the official channels I was forced to take the back route and try to smuggle it on board. A person was supposedly found and on take-off of Apollo I2 the group received this telegram "YOURON'A.OK.ALL SYSTEMS GO" signed "JOHNF."

Jade brought along a video produced by the *History Detectives* Series on PBS 2010 investing the truth behind the *Moon Museum* story...you can find this on the internet. Conclusion - lots of stories but no actual evidence of the Moon Museum arriving on the Moon. We will just have to go to the Moon ourselves someday and find that tiny chip. Start saving your money.

This Bob Rauschenberg Gallery exhibit is built around the *Moon Museum* piece but includes many additional objects connected with the Apollo Space Missions. The exhibit closes on September 27<sup>th</sup> at Florida SouthWestern State College (Edison College), Fort Myers, FL...Upcoming exhibit information can be found at [www.RauschenbergGallery.com](http://www.RauschenbergGallery.com).

Gallery hours weekdays 10am-4pm, Saturday 11am-3pm, closed Sunday. Travel back in time and travel out in space.