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District 6960 Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club Organized 1979
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SPEAKER SCHEDULE 2016:

SEPTEMBER Coordinators: Jack Alexander and Scot Congress

- 2 Dennis Pearlman Political Consultant
- 9 New Sanibel School principal or "Ice Breaker" (see 9/23)
- 16 Robert Bradley Executive Director of LARC
- 23 New Sanibel School principal or "Ice Breaker"
- 30 Club Assembly

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th

(right after our meeting)



Check Presentation and photo-op at the Gladiolus Learning & Development Center (GLAD)... Mission to provide educational and developmental child care for children of low income working families. 10320 Gladiolus Dr. Fort Mvers. FL

NEED HELP LOADING WHEELCHAIRS AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES FOR TRANSPORT TO GUATAMALA- We are planning on going to Rev erend Suarez's warehouse on **September 24th**. SEE **CHET FOR MORE INFORMATION**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR:

Dictionary Day... Labeling-Saturday,
September 10th... TBA
Distribution Day...TBA
Check with Lee Almas for more

CELEBRATING LAST WEEK:

Happy Birthday... Cindy DeCosta
Guest John Henshaw



MEMBERSHIP: CLUB ROTARIANS WELCOMED TWO NEW POTENTIAL MEMBERSHIP CANDIDATES AT LAST WEEK'S MEETING:

- JOHN HENSHAW- CONSULTANT-GUEST OF JOHN GREY & DISTRICT 6960 AREA 4 ASSISTANT GOVERNOR, CLARK RAMBO
- DARRIN GROTRIAN-BANK OF THE ISLANDS-GUEST OF JANET STRICKLAND

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



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT 2016-2017 John Germ, Chattanooga, TN USA



TRIPPING WITH CHET:

CHET AND JOHN WILL BE TRAVELING SOON ON WHEELCHAIR DISTRIBUTION TRIPS...IF YOU HAVE ANY INTEREST, TALK TO CHET.

ALSO, ON THE DRAWING BOARD:

HATI TO CHECK OUT WATER PROJECTS GUATEMALA TO VISIT COFFEE FARMERS

CLUB ANNOUNCES THE FORMATION OF A NEW SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE...CHAired BY CHRIS DECOSTA

CHRIS WELCOMES IDEAS AND HELP WITH HIS NEW ASSIGNMENT.

Bill Rahe has stepped up and volunteered to have a party at house...date and time tbd.

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)



“On a warm spring day in June 2008 during a family gathering at home, Joshua slipped out of sight for just a few short moments. He was quickly discovered in the backyard pool, unconscious and unresponsive. Family immediately started CPR and he was life-flighted to Children’s Hospital in Omaha. After three days in the hospital, Joshua was taken off life support and passed away shortly.” Joshua Collingsworth Memorial Fund (JCMF), Children’s Charity web-site

The JCMF was founded by Blake and Kathy Collingsworth in memory of their 2 ½ year old son, Joshua.

Guest speaker last week at Rotary was Bonita Springs Rotarian, Nancy Ross representing the JCMF and Collingsworth family in providing Sanibel-Captiva Rotary the opportunity to bring awareness of a special program designed specifically by JCMF as a teaching tool directed to both adults and children for providing information about WATER SAFETY for children.

Nancy gave us these grim statics: There are on average 3,536 fatal unintentional drownings annually in the US-about ten deaths per day. About one in five people who die from drowning are children 14 and younger. Drowning is the leading cause of injury death among children ages 1-4 in Florida, Florida’s drowning death rate among children ages 1-4 is the highest in the nation.

The Collingsworth’s wanted to get the message out regarding how to prevent tragedies such as theirs from happening in the future in other families. For adults they created a list of water safety awareness:

- ✓ Constantly watch the children who are in or near water and keep them within reach.
- ✓ Avoid distractions such as drinking, talking on a cell phone.
- ✓ Don’t rely on flotation devices as a substitute for supervision.
- ✓ Always have life-saving equipment readily available.
- ✓ Assign someone to be a water watcher.
- ✓ Make sure all gates are closed and locked when the pool is not in use.
- ✓ Teach children water safety and to always stay away from water unless they are with an adult.
- ✓ Stress that the last person to leave the pool area closes the gates, doors, and covers the pool before leaving the area.
- ✓ Never leave children unattended, even for a moment, around water.
- ✓ Keep a phone near the pool when in use. Call 911 in case of an emergency.

As a teaching tool for young children, Blake Collingsworth wrote a beautifully crafted and illustrated easy reading storybook titled *JOSH The Baby Otter* for distribution by the JCMF. The book’s storyline is about an otter family and how young otters are always taught to float on their backs before being allowed to go out on their own in the water. This is a relatable simple story for kids with an understandable message simply presented for children; water safety rules are taught and the kids enjoy and relate to the water safety storyline. *JOSH The Baby Otter* is published in both English and Spanish here in the states and has been translated in 50 languages digitally available through the JCMF website. The book is also available on DVD and in coloring book form.

Last Friday, Sanibel-Captiva Rotary participated with Nancy in bringing the *JOSH The Baby Otter* program and books over to the Children’s Center of the Island pre-school class. Rotarians took turns reading the book and a surprise visit by the *JOSH The Baby Otter* mascot (Chet Sadler) made quite an impression. When Rotarians gave the children their books, this Water Safety and Literacy effort had already made the intended imprint on the children regarding water safety and reading this book again and again will definitely reinforce the message. Sanibel-Captiva Rotary will be bringing this program and distributing books to all pre-school classes on the Island, the Gladiolus Learning & Development Center (GLAD), Fort Myers, and the Sanibel School. A copy of this book will be available at the Sanibel Library soon. For more information on this program check out the JCMF website.