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District 6960 Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club Organized 1979 * Chartered March 18, 1980

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SPEAKER CORNER

TODAY 9/19 Mary Freyre,
Health Education Specialist
Alvin A Dublin Alzheimer's Resource
Center, Fort 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

Board of Director Officers:
President: Bill Rahe
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Secretary: Chet Sadler
Treasurer: John Danner
Sergeant-at-Arms: Don Russell

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Jim Lavelle
Scott Congress pp

From: Bill Raye,
Sanibel-Captiva Rotary President
I am very saddened to report to you the passing of Paul Duval Sunday, September 14 in Baltimore, MD. We will miss Paul's beautiful smile, sense of humor, insights and camaraderie. A funeral mass at St. Isabel's Church here on Sanibel will be announced in the next few weeks.



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UPCOMING DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR:
October 3rd – Dictionary Day
October 10th – Sunrise South Rotary Club Law & Order Ball \$150 pp
October 24th – End Polio Now Event on SKYPF

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)**

John Danner, John Grey,
and Don Thomas on
SKYPE
from Trinidad



It was an unusually meaningful meeting on Friday and perhaps the wave of the future for upcoming meeting topics and the way we will be presenting some of the information that is crucial to the understanding of what Rotary is and what it is about. The unusual part of it was a portion of the meeting was brought to us via SKYPE. SKYPE or FACETIME or whatever service you use, it is amazing. According to Wikipedia, "The service allows users to communicate with peers by voice using a microphone, video by using a webcam, and instant messaging over the Internet." As long as you have an internet connection, computer with a webcam, and have signed up for the service...you are pretty much set to go. And we were set to go, of course with our fingers crossed, that SKYPE was allowing us to talk with Sanibel Rotarians John Danner and John Grey, Past-Rotary-District Governor from Cape Coral, Don Thomas, and John Danner's thirteen year old grandson, Zak from their hotel room in Port of Spain, Trinidad. The purpose of their trip was to participate in a Rotary Wheelchair distribution event. This is the first time that Rotarians from our club have participated in such an event but we definitely have a personal interest in the Trinidad distribution day. Sanibel-Captiva Rotarian, John Danner had raised most of the funding for the one-hundred-ten wheelchairs to be distributed during this weeklong event. Many of you may remember that just about a year ago, John Danner celebrated his 60th birthday by asking his friends, church family, community members, and Sanibel-Captiva Rotary to become sponsors for his 60 for 60 Wheelchair Fundraiser/Wheel for Wheels - bike ride from Miami to Key West. Monies collected would go toward the purchase and shipping costs of 60 wheelchairs for Rotary's Wheelchair Foundation. Well, again as some of you know, John (accompanied part of the way by grandson, Zak) well exceeded his goal and was able to contribute the funding for 110 wheelchair chairs being distributed in Trinidad this very week. This of course, is the reason for the SKYPE transmission.

The group hosted by the Charleyville-Felicity Rotary Club – Trinidad had arrived safely and were enjoying the amazing hospitality of the club President, Lisa Francis. They had attended meetings with fellow Rotarians to learn the scope of these distribution events. Rotary District #7030 encompassing Trinidad/Tobago has as its flagship project the acquisition and distribution of wheelchairs for the disabled, elderly, and medically challenged on the Islands (2,800 to-date). Our Rotary District #6960 hosted a Group Study Exchange from Trinidad, Tobago, Martinique, and Barbados in May 2013 and the connection was made, at that time, for the two Districts to work together on this Rotary Wheelchair project. SKYPE allowed the club to experience, in real time, the excitement and joyfulness within the group and see that they were looking forward to the experience of participating in such an event. John, John, Zak, and Don were up and ready to go for the day. They were ready to roll and looked forward to meeting the recipients of the wheelchairs and hearing their personal stories and what this gift might mean for themselves and their families in the future. Event would transpire outside of our meeting time and we would have to hear more about the event when John, John, Don, and Zak return to Sanibel.

Signing off on SKYPE, the club continued the meeting by reacquainting themselves with their introduction to Rotary. Each member told their own story of what brought them to Rotary and what friendships and Rotary projects they have been involved in with over the years. One particular shout-out to Sanibel-Captiva Rotarian...Jim Reed celebrating his 50th year as a member of Rotary International.