



San-Captions

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

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SPEAKER SCHEDULE 2016:

SEPTEMBER Coordinators: Jack Alexander and Scot Congress
30 Club Assembly per Charlie Emerson

OCTOBER Coordinators: Dan Cohn & Chet Sadler

7 John Bunch Operation Open Arms
14 Special Equestrian
21 Pete Doragh Past District Gov, now District Rotary
Foundation Chairman (Chet)
28 TBA

NOVEMBER Coordinators: Charlie Emerson and John Pryor
4 Peter Dys CEO of Shell Point (Eldon Bohrofen)
11 Christine Manson Hodges Univ Director of Veterans Affairs
(James Davis)
18 Maggi Feiner President and CEO of FISH (John Pryor)
25 TBA

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

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

It has been proposed by the Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Board of Directors that the following individuals be considered for membership in our Rotary Club. If you have any objections or questions concerning these individuals, you must submit questions in writing to the Club President or Secretary within 7 days of this notice, or it will be deemed that there are no objections.

- Darrin Patrick Grotrian
Classification-Banking, Bank of the Islands CSR
Club Sponsor-Janet Strickland
- Roger F. Grogman
Classification-Consultant, Retired-RPG Consulting
Club Sponsor-John Grey
- John Lester Henshaw
Classification-Consultant, Cardano ChemRisk Sr. VP
Club Sponsor-John Grey

**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)**



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



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



Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club...Puts a Sock in It. Sounds like a strange

declaration from San-Cap Rotarians but literally that is true. For over more than fifteen years, as part of our club community activism, we have and are taking part in Lee County's "Adopt a Highway Program". Every third week of the month, depending on weather, a group of club Rotarians leaves the Island and gathers on the side of the roads leading onto and off of the causeway to Sanibel as part of the "Adopt-A-Highway" volunteer program Rotarians pick up the trash and debris along the side of the roads and median. Of course, this helps present the Islands visually as the beautiful places they are but also, helps to carry on Rotary's efforts to protect the natural environment and its habitats.

Now getting back to...Putting a Sock in It, throughout the last fifteen years or so, you can only imagine what has been found along this stretch of road over time. Luckily, no dead human bodies but a few dead animal carcasses causing this humble Rotary work detail to be affectionately called our "Road Kill".." "Road Kill" detail is not for the faint of heart. All kinds of trash is picked up, the usual paper, plastic, soda cans, and such. Clothing brings a whole new dimension of imagination and fun to the project. How did these socks get here, whose underpants are these and how did they lose them? Hats off to answering that one – and not surprisingly we find hats, too. There sometimes is a financial payoff to this job...money. Not big bucks but a few dollars here and a few coins there all put in the kiddy for a future Rotary project.

Now for some reason "Road Kill" previously called the "Garbage Goombas" Rotary volunteers have a great time participating in this "Adopt-A-Highway" activity. Go figure. Some have even been injured by cuts, bruises, scraps, and red ant bites. However, I know the secret to the success of this program for Rotarians. Of the course, the satisfaction of a job well done, but there is more. Friendships are formed, fun is had, and looking back over time...involvement in "Road Kill" is a pathway to the Presidency of our club. Just during my ten years plus with Rotary, most of our Presidents have participated in "Road Kill".



Welcome to the neighborhood Chuck Vilardi, new school principal of the Sanibel School.

Principal Vilardi has some big shoes to fill following former Principal Barbara Van Harten; principle at the school for nineteen years. During her tenure at the Sanibel School accolades of excellence came from County, State, and Federal educational agency; one of the top honors being named a National Blue Ribbon School. After meeting Principal Vilardi, Rotarians, certainly felt his passion to maintain the schools reputation and the students passion for learning by adding his own programing ideas conveying additional excitement for learning. The schools motto, "Unite, Inspire, and Empower" will be on display in many ways this year, bringing in community members and organizations wealth of talent, treasures, and time to help live out the school's motto in many ways.



Chuck wants to build relationships on all levels starting at the top with his staff of educators and administrators, a team building outing took them out to sea on Captiva Cruises and back for lunch at Doc Ford's. This was also a perfect example of building relationships with local businesses. Just recently Bailey's General Store donated a beautiful outdoor grill to the school that will be used for events of all kinds to celebrate student and school achievements.

This year the school calendar is filled with outreach partnerships with island non-profits, organizations, and businesses:

October 2nd ... "Ding" Darling Wildlife Refuge mascot, Blue Goose, handed out copies of the book "The Shark Whisperer" by author Dr. Ellen Prager to 35 fifth-grade students at the school. Later in the month Dr. Prager will be in town for the Refuge's "Soak-It-In" Speaker Series and she will be meeting with these same fifth-graders to discuss this book, a young-adult tale of derring-do requiring its hero to enlist the aid of sharks, dolphins and an octopus in a fight against a shark-finning, reef-destroying evildoer.

October 5th 7:00pm -BIG ARTS will host a *Meet-the-Principle* night and showing the highly-acclaimed film on education *Most Likely to Succeed* to our community focusing on education and how children succeed and can achieve in education.

Additional upcoming events:

CROW will be providing a teacher and staff tour of their wildlife rehabilitation center.

SANIBEL SEA SCHOOL teaching *cast* netting techniques

Continuing events:

FISH continues with tutor volunteers.

Principle Vilardi believes that all children need a positive male role model in their life and have planned activities that will encourage community fathers to participate in their child's life, to start - *DADS TAKE YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL DAY ON SEPTEMBER 29TH* We welcome all dads, grandpas, and uncles to walk their child to class and to have lunch on this special day! The Sanibel Police Department and Sanibel Fire Department will have employees make friendly visits to the school to help with this program.

Sports activities are being beefed up at the school this year, bringing in students and parents for friendly, fun, and just slightly competitive activities.

Check the school's web-site for information on this.

Principle Vilardi believes in celebrations, celebrating small or large achievements recognizing positive events. Using our community resources to bring a culture of learning that includes pride in who we are and where we come from...the nature that surrounds us and the beauty of our place.

The capital of our residents and amazing non-profits on Island involved in preserving our island's natural resources and providing the cultural experiences of art and theatre.

Parents the school needs your help, your window of opportunity to connect with your child will close sooner than you think. Your time matters NOW. This community is like all communities; your child is like all children; they need guidance. You don't have to be a helicopter parent but you to have to be present in your child's life. As with all schools, there can be problems and Sanibel School has had to handle some in the past and will continue to have challenges now and in the future. Just recently there was concern of some students having drugs on campus. Drug-sniffing dogs were brought to the school but nothing was found... Caution ruled the day. Your child's security and safety comes first, the reputation of the school will hold up, but not at the price of sweeping problems under the rug.

A school is not the only educator in your child's life, you are and should be, the part of an amazing team of teacher; join in, the time is now.