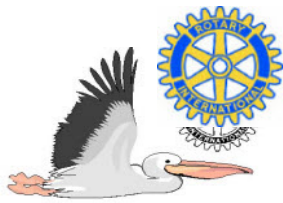


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## SANIBEL-CAPTIVA ROTARY CLUB

## SUPPORTING THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN IN OUR COMMUNITY

### Board of Director Officers:

President: Bill Rahe  
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Secretary: Chet Sadler  
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Rotary Foundation, Chet Sadler  
Lee Almas-17  
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Sanibel-Captiva Rotary President-Elect, Chris DeCosta and Trust Fund Foundation Chair, Chet Sadler recently presented the Harlem Heights Center Director of Projects, Matt Wallace a \$1,000 check for monetary support for the Center's *School Supply Outreach Day*. There are approximately 1,000 children living in the Harlem Heights area of Fort Myers and the Center currently has around half of those children involved in some type of outreach educational or enrichment programming presented at the Center. Their after school program provides an opportunity for students to become independent learners and encourages activities that build confidence. Academic tutoring

is available at Heights, along with support in finding scholarships and tuition support for young people who may need these services.

The Height's School Supply Outreach equips nearly 450 low-income children in the Harlem Heights neighborhood with the supplies they need at the beginning of the school year. The distribution of school supplies is a "market" approach that allows children to select the schools supplies needed to start their up-coming academic year. Children receive a supply list from their school with the appropriate grade-level needs and volunteers help the families shop for the correct supplies.

This is the third year that the Sanibel-Captiva Rotary has contributed funds and volunteer help for School Supply Outreach Day at the Heights Center. This year the event will be held on Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> 10am to 2pm, at the Center, 15570 Hagie Drive, Fort Myers. Please visit the Center's web-site [heightsfoundation.org](http://heightsfoundation.org) for additional information regarding volunteer opportunities or making contribution toward the success of the Center and its mission" to support education and wellness; promote family and community development; and provide the benefits of enrichment and the arts".



Three Rotary Clubs have supported Child Care of Southwest Florida's efforts to provide high-quality early education to low-income children with a combined \$8,500 contribution to the agency's scholarship fund.

[Rotary Club of Fort Myers](#) contributed \$5,000, [Rotary Club of Fort Myers South](#) donated \$2,500, and [Rotary Club of Sanibel-Captiva](#) added \$1,000.

"Once we shared research results with the Rotary Clubs, they were eager to support our efforts," said Executive Director and Rotarian Beth Lobdell. "Studies prove that children who are deprived of high-quality early-education experiences are far more likely to drop out of school, experience teen pregnancies and run into trouble with the law. Ninety percent of the brain's neurons develop by the age of 5, so kindergarten is too late to start providing an effective learning environment."

Child Care of Southwest Florida provides early-education and voluntary prekindergarten programs at six accredited centers in Lee and Hendry counties. Scholarships are provided to low-income families, allowing them to maintain employment and providing their children with the continuity that fosters learning and social development.

When the agency learned of unexpected funding cuts that would impact many of its families, its board of directors launched a fundraising effort to keep affected children in its centers.

"Low-income families don't always have access to high-quality programs, and dependable child care is critical to their employment," said Board Chair Karen Miller. "We could not let any of our children leave for financial reasons, and we're grateful to the Rotary Clubs and others who are helping us cover the shortfall."

**Rotary Clubs** bring together dedicated individuals to exchange ideas, build relationships and take action. The clubs, with Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation, work to make lasting improvements in their communities and around the world.

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### Club Song (Tune of My Country Tis of Thee)

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

## **SPEAKER CORNER:**

### **TODAY**

**July 18 - Rotary District 6960 - Governor. Pete Doragh**

July 25 - BIG ARTS Executive Director, Lee Ellen Harder

**July Speaker Chairs - Janet Strickland & Angela Roehl**

August 1 - Organ Donations - Ashley Moore

August 8 - Circuit Court Judge assigned to the criminal and probate dockets in Charlotte County, speaking about the judicial system. Amy Hawthorne

August 15, 22, 29 - TBA

**August Speaker Chair - Chet Sadler**

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

Rotarian, Brian Boyd will be replacing Emily Kletzien as our speaker chair for the Rotary year 2014-2015. **Speaker recruiters should send information regarding up-coming speakers to: Brian Boyd [www.MagicofBrianBoyd.com](http://www.MagicofBrianBoyd.com)...including AV equipment needs.**



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

July 22 - Board Meeting

5 pm Community Bank

July 26 - Road Kill

Aug. 2 - Heights Center

School Supply Outreach Day.

Oct. 10 -Rotary Club of Fort Myers South will present its Inaugural Law and Order Ball, to be held at 5:30 p.m. at Harborside Event Center in downtown Fort Myers. All proceeds will benefit the Rotary Club of Fort Myers South Foundation and Lee County law enforcement youth programs. The Law and Order Ball is an opportunity to thank the everyday heroes of law enforcement agencies. The agencies to be recognized are Cape Coral Police Department, Florida SouthWestern State College Police Department, Florida Gulf Coast University Police Department, Fort Myers Police Department, Lee County Port Authority Police, Lee County Sheriff's Office and Sanibel Police Department. Nominations from each agency for the "Officer of the Year" award, to be presented at the event, will be accepted through August 1. One special hero will be awarded and receive a custom designed piece by Rotarian Mark Loren of Mark Loren Designs.

visit [www.lawandorderball.org](http://www.lawandorderball.org)

## SPEAKER NOTES: from 7-11-14

### **ARE YOU READY, ARE YOU READY?**

Jim Bjostad, new Lee County Emergency Management Program Manager has that question for all of us. Although Lee County Emergency Management handles all emergency disaster responsibilities, Jim was primarily speaking to us about Hurricane preparedness.

Jim has a very impressive resume including a "30-year career in the Coast Guard retiring as Coast Guard Captain Incident Commander, in charge of disaster response, during Hurricane Katrina and five years representing the Department of Defense on the Federal Geographic Data Committee. He has worked closely with the Department of Homeland Security, including FEMA, and the Department of the Interior to improve and enhance DOD's geospatial information mapping support for state and local first-responders throughout the nation following natural disasters".

Taking on his new position with Lee County Bjostad has the type of experience that will no doubt serve our community well and on top of that he now lives on Sanibel. That alone both surprises me and impresses me because of Sanibel's low land elevations. Sanibel is considered a special flood hazard area by F.E.M.A. That being said, Jim knows that he has the responsibility for his family to be prepared in case a hurricane. Facts are Sanibel is in a floodplain. Jim emphasized the point that because of where we live all of us should have a Hurricane Evacuation Plan. Get a Lee County Hurricane Preparation Guide and for Sanibelians you can pick up a Sanibel Flood Facts booklet. Know what flood zone area you are in (in preparation guide). Simple fact, the earlier in the alphabet your flood zone occurs the

more vulnerable your area is to flooding. Duh! Sanibel and Captiva... Zone A.

Now the planning comes into effect...where are you going when you evacuate, what should you do before you evacuate, and what should you take with you when you evacuate?

Jim stressed, "Every hurricane is different and you have to be prepared for both wind and water surges from these storms". Hurricane Charlie was mostly a windstorm and fast moving, luckily for Sanibel the storm surge forecasted did not materialized. Hurricane Katrina caused severe destruction along the Gulf coast from central Florida to Texas, much of it due to the storm surge- the flooding of New Orleans was actually caused by the failure of the levee system due to rainfall. Jim brought with him a series of slides of coastland Mississippi after Katrina. Slides that showed moonscape looking landscapes with only tall piling posts standing. Buildings completely destroyed. One picture is worth a thousand words of warning. Bjostad believes that evacuation of low-lying flood zone areas should be heeded; this is absolutely for safety reasons. Check and review the Hurricane and Flood Plan booklets, **HAVE YOUR PLAN READY**, review your insurance policies, prepare your property, take your Island emergency passes, and **LEAVE THE ISLAND! LEAVE THE ISLAND!**

### Category Wind Speed Storm Surge

1 74 - 95 mph 4 to 5 feet

2 96 - 110 mph 6 to 8 feet

3 111 - 130 mph 9 to 12 feet

4 131 - 155 mph 13 to 18 feet

5 156 mph+ 19 feet+