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MEMBERSHIP NEWS:

It has been proposed that Eldon Bohrofen and Michele Triff be considered for membership in our Rotary Club. If you have any objections or questions concerning these proposed members, you must submit them in writing to the Club President or Secretary within 7 days of this newsletter, or it will be deemed that there are no objections.

Eldon Bohrofen will be transferring from the Sheboygan, Wisconsin Club where he has been a member for over 41 years. Eldon is an attorney and will be spending most of his time in this area going forward. I think many of you have met Eldon as he has attended several recent meetings.

Michele Triff is an Advertising Executive with The Islander here on Sanibel. Michele lives here on the Island and would be a fantastic asset to the club.

UPCOMING SPEAKER SCHEDULE:

May 1 – Carl McAloose

Intercollegiate Athletics

May 8 – Gary Cofort – CART

May 15 – MEETING WILL BE HELD AT SOUTH SEAS

MAY RECRUITERS...Bob Guggino & Angela Larsen Rohl

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

May 14-17th District Conference

South Seas Resort Captiva

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ON FRIDAY, MAY 15TH THE SANIBEL-CAPTIVA ROTARY WILL HOST THE OPENING BREAKFAST AT THE CONFERENCE.

ROAD KILL is now scheduled for the third Saturday of every month.

Upcoming date: MAY 16th

Volunteers always needed...see Chet Sadler or Chris DeCosta

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)

OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY LEADERS SELECTED TO RECEIVE

SANIBEL-CAPTIVA ROTARY'S HIGHEST HONORS

The Sanibel-Captiva Rotary recently voted to recognize each year, a non-Rotarian community leader with the club's newly created Vocational Excellence Award. Considerations for receiving this award were a nomination from Sanibel-Captiva Rotary members with each candidate demonstrating exceptional vocational performance in our community. The club's 2015 Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Vocational Excellence Award recipient is Maggie Feiner, President and CEO FISH - *Friends In Service Here*. FISH of Sanibel-Captiva, Inc. is a leading nonprofit, non-sectarian, human services organization focused on "neighbors helping neighbors" on Sanibel and Captiva islands. Their mission is to lend a helping hand to those in need who live, work, or visit here. Their objective is to make a social investment in the community that assists our neighbors to live independently with dignity in their homes.



In her position as President of FISH, Maggie administers 6 core programs and actively fosters community partnerships, such as "Aging in Place" with the Zonta club. She has been recognized many times for her leadership throughout Lee County. Since her first term as President of the FISH Board of Directors in 2006, she has excelled not only in leadership, but in administration, as attested to by the growth and accomplishments of multiple programs under her supervision. Along with receiving the Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club 2015 Vocational Excellence Award, Maggie was also awarded the distinguished Rotary Paul Harris Award and medallion by Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club President, Bill Rahe. This Paul Harris Fellow recognition acknowledges individuals who contribute, or who have contributions made in their name, of US\$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. To honor our Vocational Excellence 2015 recipient, Maggie Feiner, Rotary International has received a financial donation from the club in her name.

Sanibel-Captiva Rotarian, John Grey also was surprised with his nomination by the club for the pretentious Rotary District #6960 2015 Vocational Service Member of the Year award. All nominees have made great contributions through their devoted service to community, nationally, and globally. As many Islanders know John is owner and operator of John Grey Painting Company, Sanibel. He has demonstrated high ethical standards in the conduct of his business and continually gives back to the community through both in-kind and financial support for many non-profits in Lee County. His remarkable record of service to the Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club has brought high standards for involvement for our club. John and his business have been an active force in the Sanibel-Captiva and regional community not only in his service to Rotary but in other community organizations. He is on the Boards and Committees of Sanibel Sea School Sanibel, Community Housing and Resources, and Harlem Heights Foundation, Fort Myers. On the International level John has personally funded and participated in 6 trips to Guatemala, Jamaica, Trinidad, and Haiti, promoting in a variety of projects, many of these being partnerships between the Rotary and other charitable organizations. They include the distribution of wheelchairs from the Wheelchair Foundation, Haiti St. Marks School Sanitation Project, Miracles in Action, Coffee farmers' micro financing, the distribution of smokeless stoves, and water filtration systems for use at the village level. John can digress at length on the benefits of each of these projects. For example, the distribution of smokeless stoves helps combat rampant environmental lung disease that develops at a very young age in villagers who cook in their homes using open flame stoves. In addition to lung disease, severe burns are an ever-present risk in such homes. The morbidity and mortality from these burns is increased if the only source of water is polluted. The water filtration systems introduced on some of John's visits helped not only to provide potable water, but also to provide clean water for cleansing burns and other wounds.



SPEAKER NOTES FROM APRIL 17TH



Simon & Schuster Author of *Unremarried Widow* 2014, Artis Henderson visited Sanibel-Captiva Rotary, recently, not to talk about her book but to talk about her experiences as a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar studying at the in Dakar, Senegal, for the 2010-2011 academic year.

The opportunity to receive a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship presented itself and Artis went ahead and selected to apply for a scholarship stipend to study at Université Cheikh Anta Diop in Dakar, Senegal.

It didn't take long for the adventures to unfold. Her arrival in Dakar, Senegal brought home the point that this was definitely to be an exciting and sometimes scary place to be. Dakar is the capital city of Senegal in West Africa with a population of over one million people. As with all large populated cities, Dakar had great wealth and great poverty. This would become more evident as time went by. Artis found herself sick a lot on arrival and it took some time to acclimate to her new surroundings. Although Artis didn't elaborate about her studies at Université Cheikh Anta Diop, she definitely was part of the student community. An as part of that community definitely heard the rumbles of worry about the unrest in the area after the protests in the nearby Arab nations. It was the time of the Arab Spring. Wikipedia states that, "The Arab Spring is widely believed to have been instigated by dissatisfaction with the rule of local governments, particularly by youth and unions, though some have speculated that wide gaps in income levels may have had a hand as well. Numerous factors have led to the protests, including issues such as dictatorship or absolute monarchy, human rights violations, political corruption economic decline, unemployment, extreme poverty, and a number of demographic structural factors, such as a large percentage of educated but dissatisfied youth within the entire population." Similar problems existed in Africa. Soon there were protests in Senegal. Protests against the government corruption were now being exhibited with mounting tension highlighted by a protester setting himself on fire in front of the palace followed again by a second and third person. This was a rough time to be an American in Senegal. There was an uprising of the Muslim identity in this part of the world. This certainly gave Artis a boarder worldview especially when she was spit upon out on the street for being an American. She witnessed the reasoning for the protests and she saw major corruption within the country. Artis even mentioned the fact that many NGO entities in Dakar were spending donor funds foolishly and not using the money for the intended use. Many frustrations were just below the surface in Dakar and bubbling up every day. Artis did manage to continue her studies in Senegal during this time, fulfilled her Rotary commitments, and did some journalistic writing for American news outlets; no doubt this was done in a much different way than she expected. She found the people of Dakar generous and kind. Artis's Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship certainly opened her eyes to both the differences and commonalities among people of the world. A worldview is sometimes different when experienced directly.

PAUL HARRIS AWARDS PRESENTED AT OUR APRIL 10TH MEETING for outstanding service to the club: Mike Rabb, Dick Waterhouse, and Roger Thriftshauer

