



SAN-CAPTIONS....SEPTEMBER 5, 2014

SPEAKER CORNER:

TODAY WELCOME: Jade Dellinger - Director Bob Rauschenberg Gallery

9/12 : Tony Gropp group leader-Open Floor Discussion on business relationships between Rotarians and other professionals in our community.

9/19 : Mary Freyre Health Education Specialist...Alvin A Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center. Ft 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

To Every Club Rotarian....Our Speaker Program is an essential part of our weekly meetings and it is extremely important that everyone contribute ideas regarding the types of speakers you would like to have visit the club. Please contact any of the upcoming monthly speaker recruiters with your ideas. Please try and have a contact number and some information for the recruiter about the person/persons, organization, or non-profit you feel our club members may find interesting.

Rotarian, Brian Boyd is our new Speaker Chair and **is looking for speaker recruiters** beginning now for next year. It takes some time to make contact with speaker candidates and clear schedules for their talks. **Please step up now** and help Brian do a great job.

Speaker Recruiters, please try and have your speaker list ready at least six weeks prior to your scheduled dates. That information is needed for the Web-site, Bulletin, Publicity, and up-coming Facebook announcements. Please check the accuracy in spelling names and associated titles and information (this is your responsibility, not the Speaker Chair's).



Sanibel-Captiva Rotary proudly participating in this year's Rotary District Youth Exchange Florida Program. Staying with Past President, John Bellino's family for the school year is Isabel from Germany.



Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Student Exchange Ambassador, Rotarian, Holli Martin

Upcoming Dates to mark on Calendar:

September 6th – Dictionary Labeling

October 3rd – Dictionary Day

October 10th – Sunrise South Rotary Club

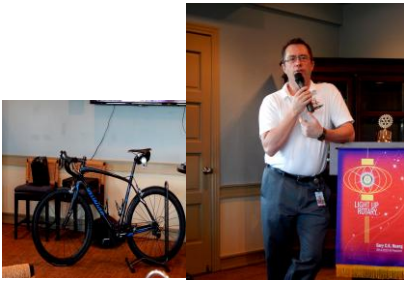
Law & Order Ball \$150 pp

SEPTEMBER IS ROTARY MEMBERSHIP MONTH

Invite a friend, new neighbor, or business colleague to join us at one of our upcoming breakfast/ meetings and introduce them to Rotary and what our Service Club is all about.

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)**



SPEAKER NOTES from 8-15-14 RIDING FOR A CAUSE

How many of us set lofty goals for ourselves? These goals usually are set for self-improvement and not exactly for altruistic reasons. Well there are exceptions, those that set goals for themselves that also help to bring awareness and raise funds for charitable causes. In 2008 Jon McCleod – Bonita Springs Rotarian, was part of a group of District #6960 Rotarians that took part in a Wheelchair Foundation distribution mission in Belize. At that time, Jon also met with five families throughout the region that had children who participated in the Rotary Gift of Life program. These families expressed so much appreciation and gratitude to Rotary International and Rotary Clubs around the world for helping them to obtain vital congenital defect heart surgery needed to save their children's lives. This made an overwhelming impression on Jon and he knew then, that at some point down the road, he would help to raise funds for Gift of Life.

Jon had always wanted to do a long distance bike ride and about a year ago he decided that he was ready – the plan – a two week ride from Boston, MA to Key West, FL, about 2,000 miles – along the way he would visit Rotary Clubs and talk to media bringing awareness of the Rotary Gift of Life Program and provide incentives for everyone he met along the way to donate monies for his special Gift of Life project. His goal to raise \$560,000 for the construction of a pediatric cardiac surgery suite in El Salvador. "Gift of Life International has worked for the past 5 years to develop a sustainable pediatric cardiac surgery, catheterization and aftercare program in El Salvador- *Our Hearts Are in El Salvador*. Jon's effort will provide important funding for a new surgical theatre we plan to install in the new pediatric cardiac center which will be constructed within the next year", Rob Raylman, executive director of Gift of Life International.

After setting his long bike trip goal, Jon set into training. He hired a trainer and then started with a goal of 150 miles a week...on the trip Jon had to ride approximately 140 miles a day for 2 weeks. He trained hard and he began the trip on May 23, riding approximately 40 hours a week, stopping along the way for Rotary meetings, media stops and nightly Craft Beer tastings along the way. Jon didn't ride alone...many Rotarians, relatives, friends, and upon occasion total strangers joined the bike ride brigade. Trying to follow the specially designed GPS program for long distance bike-rides and hoping construction detours and GPS failures didn't take them too far afield from their designated plans...occasional weather posed a problem...105 degrees on one day. But he accomplished his goal to complete the ride in two weeks.

Sponsors had signed up before and during the trip...in fact, Hyatt Hotels provided rooms for Jon and his entourage. To date: Jon has raised nearly \$250,000 and Rotary International will give a 50% match of \$125,000 toward the \$560,000 needed. Jon has set a date of...July 1, 2015...to raise the additional \$185,000. Seeing his determination and his passion toward this project...we know that money will be raised.

Gift of Life is a Rotarian-based program which has been in existence for four decades. During that time, 16,000 children from 67 countries on five continents have had treatment for their heart disease.

In January 2014 the Sanibel-Captiva Rotary held a special fundraising classical concert with international acclaimed Italian concert pianist, Francesco Attesti raising over \$10,000 to benefit Gift of Life Florida.



Rotarian starts new fun event on Island.

ISLAND STYLE CRUISE-IN EVENTS

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Scot Congress – Congress Jewelers

Mike Stone – TriStone, Naumann Assoc.

Every 1st Monday of the Month

5 to 8 pm Periwinkle Place Shops