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District 6960 Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club Organized 1979

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HAPPY HOLLI DAYS ARE HERE AGAIN!

WELCOME, BACK PP HOLLI MARTIN! She's been missing in-action lately but she's back now and ready to start movin' and shakin'. Holli organized our first monthly FUN social gathering of the new Rotary year...Tuesday evening at Malia Island Fusion Cuisine/Sanibel. The company was great, the food was good, and the drinks were smooth. What more could you ask for? Lots of talk about traveling...trips taken and trips forthcoming. A little business socializing but mainly just getting to know each other a little better. We really had a pretty good turn-out for this time of the year and hope we will see more of you at the next FUN social. No date, yet.



FRIDAY MORNING SPEAKERS FOR AUGUST

16 Ruth Bowlings: "Sharing Smiles, Healing Children"

23 Jessica Goodall: "Eva's Closet"

30 Kevin Ruane, Mayor of Sanibel

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**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 8/15/19

In past year's our Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club Presidents have championed specific Rotary causes that they have found a purposeful connection with. Our immediate-past Club President, John Danner advocated for the Wheelchair Foundation and was part of the core group of San-Cap Rotarians that organized a new club fundraiser last year "Wheels for Wheels" that raised over \$25,000 directly for the Rotary Wheelchair Foundation. THIS YEAR'S CLUB PRESIDENT, ELDON BOHROFEN has chosen to take on raising funds for the Rotary Clubs of North America **CART** Trust Fund for Alzheimer's research. Although the financial driver for Alzheimer's research is still called **CART/Coins** for Alzheimer's Research Trust, now the effort has expanded its potential for accepting funding for Alzheimer's research in any form of financial giving to the cause.

Eldon invited Dr. Gary Goforth, Medical Director of Shell Point, Rotarian, and CART Vice-President for Research Grants to speak to the club on the topic of Alzheimer's. Before Dr. Goforth started speaking he asked club members to raise their hand if they knew anyone who had Alzheimer's, as you would expect, almost everyone raised their hand. The fact is in 2014 there were 5.6 million people diagnosed with Alzheimer's and by 2025 estimates are that 7.1 million people will have that same diagnosis.

What is Alzheimer's disease/AD? AD is a brain failure. A progressive brain disorder that gradually destroys brain cells and affects a person's memory, ability to learn, make judgements, communicate, and carry out basic daily activities. It is a progressive, fatal disease without a cause that has no cure.

Millions and millions of dollars are going into researching how to pin-point the pre-dementia stages of Alzheimer's and for now how to slow that process down. There are thousands of research Alzheimer's studies focused on epidemiology and pathology of the disease. The Rotary **CART** fund is specifically aimed at awarding Alzheimer's study grants to doctors across the nation that are formulating new research ideas and studies in this area alone and in 2019 **CART** disbursed a total of \$1,000,000 in grants for five Alzheimer's research projects. 100 % of all donations received by Rotary **CART** goes directly for funding Alzheimer studies.

An old proverb says, "**great oaks from little acorns grow**" is so true as it applies to the Rotary **CART** program. **Who could have imagined that back in 1995** an idea of Sumter, SC Rotary Club members Roger Ackerman and Dr. Jack Bevan that encouraged Club Rotarians to empty their pockets and purses of change at weekly meetings for the cause to cure Alzheimer's would grow and be adopted by Rotary Clubs across North America resulting in providing \$1,000,000 dollars of Alzheimer's research money this year. Details on these grants can be found at [Rotary cartfund.org](http://Rotarycartfund.org).

Paraphrasing Sanibel-Captiva Rotary President, Eldon Bohrofen, our club a few years back participated in the District CART Fund project by having a blue can on each table so that members could toss coins into the cans as CART donations. We did this for a few years but discontinued that coin collection effort. As your president-elect last year, I initiated a Happy Bucks fundraising option for CART at our weekly meetings honoring my late wife, Judy, who had dementia.

With the help of Eldon's pledged matching donations for CART, we raised over \$3,000 for CART...some coins but mostly dollars.

Eldon, "I have great passion for CART and have proposed with the help of Rotarians in our club and other clubs in our district to create a new major fund raiser later this Rotary year for CART". Stay tuned for information on that fundraiser, ideas are just percolating.



FOUNDER OF THE WHEELCHAIR FOUNDATION, KEN BEHRING, PASSED AWAY AT THE END OF JUNE. Many Rotarians in District 6960 join others locally and around the world to mourn his loss. Ken was recognized by many organizations for his business success and philanthropy. The Wheelchair Foundation has provided 1,100,000 wheelchairs to the disabled and less fortunate in 155 countries.

