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District 6960 Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club Organized 1979

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ROTARY SPEAKER SCHEDULE 2019

JULY COORDINATOR: RACHEL

26 Sharon Krispinsky RN "Arthritis, Inflammation, and Diet"

POSTING OF SANIBEL-CAPTIVA ROTARY COMMITTEE CHAIRS 2019/20

MEMBERSHIP	ANNIE CAMPBELL
ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL	SCOT CONGRESS
INTERNATIONAL SERVICES	CHET SADLER
ROTARY FOUNDATION	JOHN SCHWANDKE
SCHOLARSHIP	DAN COHN
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YOUTH SERVICES	CINDY DECOSTA
INTERACT	BARBARA ELLIS
ROTHERACT	JOHN SCHWANDKE
VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE	BILL RAHE
ROTARY MEANS BUSINESS	RICHARD GREEN
SOCIAL	HOLLI MARTIN
PROGRAM COORD.	RICHARD MATTERN
4-WAY TEST ESSAY	CHET SADLER
ROADKILL	DARRIN GROTRIAN
WHEELS ON WHEELS	ROGER GROGMAN & JOHN HENSHAW

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

For club review and membership approval:

Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Board of Directors has reviewed a new application for club membership from Donald Layton McDonald and after review and discussion the Board is now recommending the approval of the applicants request to join the Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club.

Applicant – Donald Layton McDonald

Club Sponsor – Annie Campbell

Classification – Financial Consulting

Spouse – Joan Christina McDonald

CLUB MEMBERS HAVE SEVEN DAYS TO BRING ANY OBJECTION FOR THIS MEMBERSHIP CANDIDATE BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE NOTED, JOHN WILL BE INDUCTED INTO THE CLUB THIS MONTH.

Board of Director Officers:

President: Eldon Bohrofen
 President Elect: Richard Green
 Vice President: Bill Letendre
 Treasurer: John Roho
 Secretary: Chet Sadler
 Sergeant-at-Arms: Don Russell

Board of Directors:

James Cardle 2020
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 Immediate PP-John Danner

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 PP John Danner
 TRF Chair...John Schwandke

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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)**

BREEZE NEWSPAPERS...BEST OF SANIBEL & CAPTIVA 2019 BALLOTS are now available, found around the Island at local businesses. Please, make an effort to fill out this balloting booklet. TURN TO PAGE 46/ TOP OF PAGE AND VOTE FOR ROTARY AS BEST SERVORG/CLUB. Please, follow the Contest rules on page 8 for your ballot to be counted.

Great San-Cap Rotary meeting last week. Everyone seemed to be in a jovial mood and our traditional Happy Bucks ritual, at the begin of our meetings, just got a little more happy than usual. A spontaneous sharing of medical ailments went into a one-up-man-ship laughing fest. It was like a really good comedy show. Wished we had filmed it. They say, "Laughter is the best medicine", let's hope so because we certainly got a great big spoon full of sugar, along with a great dose of medicine.

Previously to becoming our new Sanibel-Captiva Rotary club President this year, Eldon Bohrofen had held the important position in the club as Membership Chair for I think the last three or four years. During his tenure in that position our club has grown in membership from around 50 active members to 72 and has welcomed a number of new snowtarian visitors from up North to join us at our club meetings during season. A particularly important note here is that...as our member count went up, our age average has gone down slightly.

Our club members recently took a simple club survey, asking for their analysis and opinions of club activities from fundraising to fellowship and how they feel about their connection to those club activities and their engagement in Rotary over-all. The survey came back and across-the-board...the club is doing excellent in all areas. Not to rest on those laurels, our leadership team is aware that overall our club needs to engage all members on a meaningful level with a renewed focus on retention of our seasoned club Rotarians. Membership is the life- blood of service organizations around the world. With the busy lives of people now, it is truly impressive that Rotary still is a meaningful service organization around the globe. A decline in Rotary membership in North America and an uptake throughout the rest of the globe has been noted for the last ten years. The need for each of our state-side Rotary clubs to strengthen our membership numbers comes with a challenge of communicating the work we do throughout the world and how it benefits all mankind. Personal benefits are important too, meeting new friends, sharing your ideas on how to solve important problems facing the world, engaging in meaningful activities, and the feeling of satisfaction from leaving a positive impact on the future of your family and planet; how good is that?

With, again, focus on membership, so to speak, Eldon wanted to reintroduce a few of our long-time members to newer members through having them present classification talks regarding their professional lives and how they chose that eventual business path. Classification talks were given by Lee Almas-14-year member of Sanibel-Captiva Rotary, Scot Congress-33-year member of Sanibel-Captiva Rotary, and Don Russell -29-year member of Sanibel-Captiva Rotary. Because of space restraints in our column, I will try and give you a brief synopsis of their stories. One thing to start, each have had many twists and turns in their professional lives. Two went from college to the family business and one went from high school to work his Uncle Sam.

Lee Almas/ Property Management...Lee's work history started PT after high school in the family business, Almas Lumber Company in Cleveland Ohio learning the business from the bottom up. He graduated college joined the full-time world at the Lumber Company and was part of an already successful company and help the company expand from selling wholesale lumber to large companies to running a construction company, a property company, and cabinet and panel company. He was promoted to the Treasurer of the Corporation but maybe that wasn't the right place for him, some family issues. He resigned and struck out on his own, held several jobs across the nation in powerful and impressive companies, some with construction components but other not. But in 1977 he found himself ready for another move and came to join his father down here and help run a small motel.

But he needn't more and opened his own company with a partner in Cape Coral supplying building trusses shipping all around Florida. Sold that and joined his eldest son in a construction company on Sanibel-Windward Development. Building many houses on Sanibel. Son wanted to move to Texas to follow the building boom there and Lee downsized to a small part of the business in renovating. Property management followed and the rest is history.

Scot Congress/ Retail Jeweler... In 1981, **the Congress family moved** from Peoria, Illinois to Southwest Florida. Although the Congresses were well established in the jewelry industry up North, they took a different path on Sanibel. They bought a Bike and Boat rental business located at **Casa Ybel Resort on Sanibel Island**. Scot and his brother help run the shop working the beach and somehow word got out that his Dad, Larry, knew a lot about Jewelry. It didn't take long before the Jewelry business was the way for the family to go again. Sold the beach gear rental business to Billy Kirkland and opened Congress Jewelers in Periwinkle Place, Sanibel. Scot went off to college at University of Florida, came back to Sanibel and became actively involved at the store and expanded along with the family to a five-store mini jewelry enterprise. Sold Congress Jewelers in 2006 to a big public corporation and unfortunately, they weren't successful at running it. Scot bought the Sanibel Store back and the rest is Sanibel History.

Whoops! Already over word budget in bulletin. Hopefully Don will be covered in forth-coming! San-Cap.

