

# Rotary

## Club of Sanibel-Captiva



### Upcoming Fundraising Events



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

#### Speakers

#### Birthdays

- Eldon L. Bohrofen  
July 14th
- James C. LaVelle  
July 14th
- Richard P. Waterhouse  
July 17th
- Richard D. Salerno Jr.  
July 18th
- Gene Morrison Hardy  
July 19th
- Clark Rambo  
July 21st
- John Howard Danner  
July 22nd
- Clair Ann Beckmann  
July 22nd
- Scot M. Congress  
July 29th
- Annie Jane Campbell  
August 6th
- Donald E. Russell  
August 7th

#### Wedding Anniversaries

- Donald E. Russell  
July 23rd
- Gary Walter Dyer  
July 28th

#### Years of Service

- Robert C. Monk  
07-29-2005  
16 Years
- Joleen Mercedes Raho  
08-11-2017  
4 Years
- Donald McDonald  
08-07-2019  
2 Years

## Upcoming Fundraisers

WHEELS for WHEELS  
OCT 30, 2021



CHARITY CUP GOLF  
TOURNAMENT  
NOV 13, 2021



ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL  
FEB 19-20, 2022



### Representing...



Our Sanibel-Captiva Club members representing us at the 2021 District Conference:  
Eldon Bohrofen, Past President & Assistant District Governor District 6960 Area 3, Bill Rahe, Past President & , Bill Letendre, President

### Call for Road Kill

Many years ago, the Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club adopted the stretch of road that leads up to the causeway toll booths. On a monthly basis, certain brave members, fearlessly led by Darrin Grotrian, pick up all the trash, debris and who knows what else in an effort to maintain a clean roadway on the entrance to our beautiful island. This effort is affectionately known as "Road Kill". No, it is not glamorous, yes, all are welcome, yes, it builds comradere, and on the plus side, you never know what you're going to find!

**July 17 at 8:00**

meet at Carlton Naumann, just over the bridge.



Come have fun saving the world one piece of 'treasure' at a time! You never know what you might find!

## From Red to Blue!



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We are happy to announce that Mary Bondurant and David Lowden became official "Blue Badge" carrying members of the Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club. This is no easy task! To transition from a red badge to a blue badge Rotarian, you must complete certain tasks. They are:

1. Review the Rotary International website at [rotary.org](http://rotary.org)
2. View and login to the District and Club database at [dacdb.com](http://dacdb.com)
3. Review [sanibelrotary.org](http://sanibelrotary.org)
4. Attend the new member orientation meeting.
5. Meet as many members as possible. Sit with a different group each meeting.
6. Serve as Club Greeter for at least two meetings.
7. Lead the club in the Four Way Test.
8. Volunteer for a Rotary Service Project.
9. Attend a Board of Directors or Trust Board meeting to observe the internal club operations.
10. Visit another Rotary Club.
11. Serve on at least one Club Committee.
12. Attend the Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI).
13. Invite a guest to Rotary.

The Red Badge Program is a new program to our club that we introduced in the beginning of this year. it encourages members to engage and connect with what Rotary is all about.

How many of these items have you completed?

**Congratulations Mary and David!**

## Friday's Speaker:



This week's speaker is Keith Laakkonen  
Director of the Rookery Bay National Estuary Research Reserve

Keith Laakkonen is the Director of the Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve in Naples, Florida. He is responsible for administration and supervision of the 110,000-acre Reserve, working with more than thirty on-site employees involved in research, education, and coastal stewardship.

Current priority efforts at the Reserve include watershed restoration, maintaining native biodiversity, and research and monitoring. He also serves as the state's Regional Administrator for aquatic preserves in Southwest Florida, with oversight for field offices and staff in Tampa Bay, Charlotte Harbor and Estero Bay.

Keith worked for seven years as Environmental Sciences Coordinator for the Town of Fort Myers Beach. He has worked in resource management at the Charlotte Harbor State Buffer Preserve, St. Martin's Marsh Aquatic and Buffer Preserve, and Big Bend Seagrasses Aquatic Preserve. He was also the Stewardship Coordinator at Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve as the Stewardship Coordinator from 2005 to 2007.

Keith has extensive experience with watershed management and restoration, listed species management, wildlife ecology, land acquisition, prescribed fire management, hydrologic restoration, exotic plant and animal management, public access management, and environmental education and outreach. He began his career as an intern conducting research on American alligators with the Florida Fish & Wildlife Cooperative Research Unit in Gainesville after graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Wildlife Ecology from the University of Florida in 1998. Keith completed his Master's Degree, focusing on sea-level rise policy in Florida at FGCU in 2018.

A native Floridian, he is an avid birder and fisherman and enjoys exploring Collier County. He also volunteers for many environmental causes. Keith has lived in Florida for his entire life and has been a Collier County resident since 2005.

Be sure to join us for our full breakfast menu for meetings. Vaccinated members do NOT NEED masks. There is no limit to the number who can attend.

To assist the caterer who will be providing us with a full breakfast for our meetings at the Community House beginning July 9, 2021, we must give her a number of attendees by 5 pm on the previous Tuesday. You need to contact Bill Harkey weekly, if you are attending the meeting in-person at the Community House. Please send a confirmation to **Bill Harkey** at [William.Harkey@gmail.com](mailto:William.Harkey@gmail.com) by 5 pm on **Tuesday** every week.

This weeks menu: Fried Eggs, sausage, gravy, biscuits

## We Have Moved!



Starting on July 9th, we will be moving our Friday Morning meetings to the Community House!  
There will be no limits on the number of attendees and masks are not required.

## Hybrid Meetings



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This Friday, we will be holding a hybrid meeting both on Zoom and in person at The Community House.

This week our speaker will be Keith Laakkonen,  
Director of the Rookery Bay National Estuary Research Reserve

Mr. Laakkonen will be describing the nature of the estuary and the programs offered at Rookery Bay

If you wish to attend a meeting in person, please email Bill Harkey on [William.Harkey@gmail.com](mailto:William.Harkey@gmail.com) by no later than 5 pm on Tuesday to assist us in giving the caterer the correct number for the full breakfasts that will be offered at the meeting on Friday. If you are vaccinated, you do not need a mask.

Another option to join us for meetings, is through our club's Zoom meeting on Fridays, doors open at 7am, meeting will begin at 7:30 am.

If you have not attended one of our Zoom meetings yet, we would love to see you there. We have a lot of fun and the fellowship in the small breakout rooms from 7-7:30 have been a huge success. Give it a try!!

You can join the meeting with the following information:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/>

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Passcode: 776580

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/>

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See you Friday morning!

## District Conference 2021

By Vana Prewitt on Monday, July 12, 2021

PDG David Lusty, wife Wilhelmena with John and Judy Germ. John was a keynote speaker at the 2021 District Conference in Punta Gorda, July 9-11 and is the Past Rotary International President and current Chairman of the Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees.





## Rotary - Peace Corps Week

By Vana Prewitt on Wednesday, July 7, 2021

# Rotary International Announcement from John Hewko, Rotary International General Secretary

For more information, contact [VANA](#)





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[John Hewko: Rotary - Peace Corps Week](#)

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## Rotary Plates Support Youth Services

By Vana Prewitt on Saturday, May 29, 2021



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### Club Meeting

Sanibel-Captiva  
Meets at The Sanibel Community House  
2173 Periwinkle Way  
Sanibel, FL 33957  
Time: Friday at 07:00 AM

