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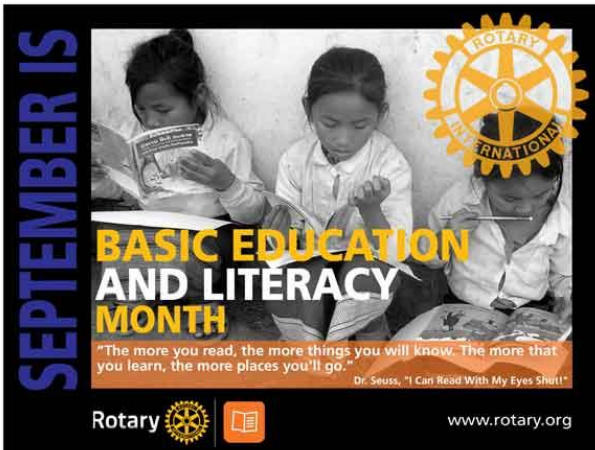


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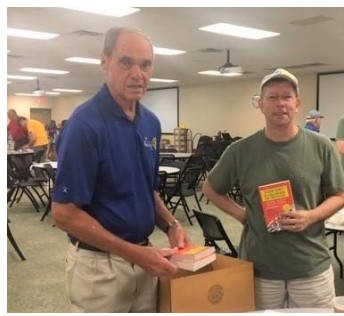
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Dictionary Labeling Day with District Gov. Richard Kirsher



October 4, Dictionary Day 19

UPCOMING PROGRAM SPEAKERS 2019

September 13th

Club Assembly Committee Reports

September 20th

James Evans, Natural Resources Director, Sanibel

September 27th

Richard Kirchner; Rotary District Governor

October 04th

Dottie Pacharis, Author and Mental Health Advocate

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Saturday, September 21, Road Kill
- Friday, October 4, Dictionary Day
- Thursday, October 24, World Polio Day
- Saturday, November 9, Meals of Hope
- Monday, December 2 Holiday Party.

AS OF THIS PUBLISHING DATE 9/11/19, SANIBEL-CAPTIVA ROTARY HAS RAISED OVER \$7,500 FOR HURRICANE DORIAN DIASTER RELIEF.



Rotary District 7020 Hurricane Recovery

2019

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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)

MEMBERSHIP NEWS...Former Snowtarian formerly a member of the Rotary Club of Carlisle, PA, Bill Harkey a permanent fixture at our regular club meetings during season has now made his move. He and wife, Laurie, are now full-time residents of Sanibel and Bill has officially transferred his Rotary membership to Sanibel-Captiva Rotary.



HURRICANE DISASTER RELIEF 9/6/19 BY SHIRLEY JEWELL
 Rotary's International Theme for 2019-20 is "Rotary Connects the World", well nothing connects the world more than a catastrophic natural disaster. How can we help is the normal response, especially in the days and weeks just beyond the date of the event? But as we all know, these types of events take time to recover from and recovery is slow.

All Florida was watching and listening to the weather reports and following the news on where the fourth named Hurricane of the season, Hurricane Dorian, was heading. As Dorian headed toward the Bahamas it had been predicted to pick up in strength and at some point, had reported 185+ miles per hour winds...a Category 5 Hurricane. Dorian flirted with direction, but it was soon reported that it was heading directly over the Bahamas and that it did. The storm lost some speed over the Bahamas but stalled over this area for almost two days. Constant beating down winds, rains, and high tides have destroyed Great Abaco Island and Grand Bahamas.

WHY AM I WRITING ABOUT THIS IN THE SANIBEL-CAPTIVA ROTARY COLUMN? Because "There but for the grace of God, go I". Our Islands, our homes, our businesses, our everything was spared; but we can remember back to Hurricane Charlie. Our Island Government, our County, our State, People from all over the States and the Globe responded to our needs. We needed everyone's help to recover and rebuild our Islands.

SANIBEL-CAPTIVA ROTARY HAS A SPECIAL CONNECTION TO THE BAHAMAS. The Rotary Clubs of The Bahamas comprises 9 clubs - 7 on New Providence, one on Abaco and one on Eleuthera, which are all part of District

7020. There are also 4 clubs on Grand Bahama Island, which are part of District 6990. SAN-CAP ROTARY IS PART OF Rotary District 6960. As Hurricane Dorian was raging through Abaco, leaders of Rotary District 7020, the Disaster Network of Assistance Action Group and neighboring Rotary Districts in Zone 33-34 gathered to formulate plans for the recovery efforts they knew would be needed. Rotary International's Immediate Past President, Barry Rassin, is a member of the Rotary Club Bahama East, Rotary has some strong boots on the ground. His knowledge of the Islands and his knowledge of the way Rotary International can help with Disaster Relief is a valued commodity in this situation. Help is, of course, needed now but this recovery will take a long time.

Our Rotary District 6960 immediately went into action to collect needed hard-good supplies at a collection point in Naples last week and arrange a "Hurricane Dorian Disaster Relief Fund" account for monetary donations. Sanibel-Captiva Rotary collected s hard-goods last week at 1101 Periwinkle Way, Suite 101, Sanibel, Florida 33957. But this recovery will be a long-time effort and rebuilding will need financial support. Financial support can be sent to The Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club Trust c/o John Henshaw, 1101 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, FL 33957 – checks made out to the Sanibel-Captiva Trust Fund with memo line stating Hurricane Dorian Bahamas. Sanibel Captiva Trust Fund is a 501C3 charitable organization. These funds will then be sent to our Rotary District 6960 Zone 34 for distribution.

At San-Cap Rotary's first meeting after Hurricane Dorian devastated Abaco and Grand Bahamas, Club Rotarians raised approximately \$4,500 for Hurricane Dorian Disaster Relief just from the Rotarians in attendance at the meeting that morning. The club will continue this effort to raise money for the Dorian Disaster Relief Fund and invites everyone to join with us and help build backup the Bahamas Islands. The address to send donation is stated above.

QUOTES FROM THE BAHAMAS ROTARY WEBSITE-Leah Lowe:

- *"Rotary Clubs of The Bahamas has started working. We are ready to move as soon as possible."*
- *"It truly is unbelievable. What these families are enduring for another night is unreal."*
- *"Abaco and Grand Bahama have been completely devastated. Hurricane Dorian was a monster."*
- *"Each day of disaster relief work feels like a month. So many activities, so much energy, progress must be made quickly. Lives depend on it".*

