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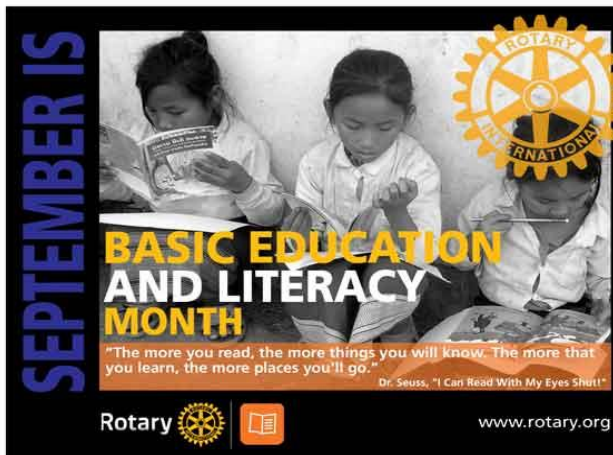


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October 4, Dictionary Day 2019

NEED VOLUNTEER TEAM MEMBERS TO DISTRIBUTE DICTIONARIES AT THE SANIBEL SCHOOL AND FT. MYERS BEACH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. SIGN-UP TODAY. TIME WILL BE ANNOUNCED BUT IS SHORTLY AFTER OUR REGULAR FRIDAY MORNING MEETING.

NEW/ OLD NEWS:



Rotary International declared August as Membership Month. Well, we're a little past August now but our club focus during the last couple of weeks in August was diverted toward helping those effected by Hurricane Dorian in the Bahamas. Sanibel-Captiva Rotary has to-date collected over \$10,000 from Rotarians and Friends of Rotary, that will be directed to East Nassau Rotary Club for Hurricane Dorian Rotary Relief. The East Nassau Rotary Club is the home of the immediate past president of Rotary International, Barry Rassin. As I stated in last week's Rotary Happenings column, Barry Rassin is leading Rotary's efforts in the Bahamas.

A strong membership roster is important to Rotary International's mission as an international service club. The collective force of our members brings strength to projects throughout the world that provide the ability to help people improve their lives. Rotary International is ranked in the top 10 Charities the Changing the World. The list includes some of the largest and highest-rated charities that help women, children, the poor, and the environment throughout the world, according to Charity Navigator, and that maintain high standards of financial health, accountability, and transparency of reporting.

UPCOMING PROGRAM SPEAKERS 2019

- September 20th
[James Evans, Natural Resources Director, Sanibel](#)
- September 27th
[Richard Kirchner, Rotary District Governor](#)
- October 04th
[Dottie Pacharis, Author and Mental Health Advocate](#)
- October 11th
[Classification Talks](#)
- October 18th
[World Polio Day](#)
- October 25th
[Lee Ellen Harder, BIG ARTS](#)

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.

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)

SANIBEL-CAPTIVA ROTARY'S 40TH CLUB ANNIVERSARY celebration dinner, February 29, 2020. THIS EVENT WILL ALSO BE A FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR CART. MORE DETAILS TO COME.

SYNOPSIS FROM AUGUST CLASSIFICATION TALKS:

Rotary classification distinctions serve as a basis for creating professional diversity in club membership. Paul Harris the founder of Rotary wanted a cross-section of the community's business, vocational, and professional interests among members allowing the development of a pool of resources and expertise to successfully implement service projects. On his first day of being a Sanibel-Captiva Rotarian, our club President, Eldon Bohrofen asked retired Army Public Affairs Officer - Bill Harkey to give a classification talk to the club along with two other San-Cap Rotarians Plastic Engineer - Chet Sadler and Rear Admiral Retired United States Navy- Roger Thriftshauser. Member classification talks give fellow club members insight into personal members professional experiences and highlights of those experiences.

BILL HARKEY...After graduating from the University of Georgia...You got mail, Bill... "You're in the Army now" well not just yet, but you are #73 in the Draft. So, you might as well enlist and get the opportunity to attend the Army's Officer Candidate School. Yes, Sir!

Bill Harkey was an Army career officer and spent 30 years in the Army as a Public Affairs Officer reaching the rank of Colonel. During his career, he got to spend two tours of duty as Public Affairs Officer at the Pentagon. Bill affectionally called the Pentagon the "Puzzle Palace". Two actions that Bill mentioned that he was involved in while at the Pentagon was the investigation of Gulf War Veteran, Timothy McVeigh, American Domestic Terrorist, Oklahoma Bombing and the Army sexual assault and harassment scandals. US Army website "The Army Public Affairs Officer's (PAO) primary responsibilities are to assess the public affairs situation, advise senior leaders on public affairs issues, and assist them in making well-informed decisions, and translate the decisions into effective public affairs operations."

CHET SADLER...In the 1967 Movie "The Graduate" young Benjamin Braddock's/Dustin Hoffman father's friend gives him career advice, I've got one word for you, Benjamin: PLASTICS." I don't know if that is what motivated Chet Sadler to become an Engineer, but he was smart enough to pursue a degree in Plastic Engineering from the University of Colorado and work involving the formulated use of the Blow Molding Machine. He went to work for Goodyear with assignments in Sweden, Jamaica, and additional engineering jobs I think in 7 other countries and changed jobs 14 times. Although Chet no longer works as a Plastic Engineer for large corporations, he owns Sadler and Associates, a head hunting firm that specializes in placement of Engineering jobs, careers, employment, and opportunities for Rubber, Plastic, CNC Engineers and Managers at all levels in the injection molding, extrusion, and metal machining industries. Chet, also, has a side-gig with the Sanibel Taxi...go figure. Chet is known in the club as "Mr. Rotary". He has held the position as Chairman of the Arts & Crafts Fair, President of Sanibel-Captiva Rotary, position for life - Secretary of the San-Cap Rotary Board of Directors, Trust Board officer, our club's Rotary International Trust Foundation Representative, Sanibel-Rotary's District and International Grant Guru, and a plethora of Chairmanships and Leadership roles in all avenues of service

for our club. He has traveled the Globe representing our Rotary club making connections world-wide and putting together grants that support our international projects. As Chet says, "You get from Rotary, as much as you put in".

ROGER THRIFSHAUSER...MILITARY, COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC SERVICE...Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal with Gold Star, National Defense Medal, the Armed Forces Service Medal and the RADM J.H. Vaughn Jr. Award as the Dental Officer of the Year 1980...Rear Admiral Retired United States Navy-Roger Thriftshauser...Total Service in the Navy Dental Corps spanned 33 years (6 Active, 27 Reserve) . Retired in 1995. But his highest medal-of-honor is his family. His outstanding wife, JoAnn, who he salutes and declares as a 5-star "Hall of Famer"....4 accomplished children and their partners, 11 grandchildren, 7 Rotary Exchange Students. Professional affiliations...Member of the Am. Dental Association, and Board Member of the NY State Dental Assoc., PP of the 8th Dist. Dental Society and the SUNY at Buffalo Dental Alumni Assoc., Diplomate of the Am. Board of Orthodontics, and PP of the Am. College of Dentists, and Fellow of the Int'l College of Dentists. Roger was elected to the City of Batavia, NY Board. of Ed. 1977-1981. Elected and served for 9 years to the Genesee County Legislature, Batavia N.Y. 1982-2000. Director of the NY State Assoc. of Counties (NYSAC), President of the NYSAC Legislative Broad Chairs 2000 for 62 counties of NY. Governor George Pataki appointed him Special Assistant for Intercounty Affairs. Serving 2001-2006. Past- Member of the Genishua and Iroquois Trail Councils of Boy Scouts, Rotary Club of Batavia, Past Pres. Of Lee Coast Chapter of the Military Officers Assoc. of AM and current active member of the Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club serving on the Board of Directors and as co-chairman of the Rotary Arts and Craft Festival Silent Auction Team. Roger has championed many projects, raised funding both public and private for projects in his community and for Rotary, has been recognized by so many for his outstanding contributions to the lives of many. I AM EXHAUSTED!!!

Roger gives his all, no matter what he is involved in and we all receive so many life lessons from him. But most of all his love for his family and deep appreciation for his lovely wife JoAnn - the beacon in his life.

