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**WHY NOT INVITE A FRIEND OR NEIGHBOR TO JOIN US FOR ONE OF OUR ROTARY CLUB'S UPCOMING MEETINGS?**

**WE HAVE AN AMAZING LINEUP OF SPEAKERS IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS, THAT THEY MAY ENJOY.**

## **SPEAKER LINEUP FOR NOVEMBER:**

November 1st

[Chauncey Goss, S. FL Water Mgt District Gov Board](#)

November 8<sup>th</sup>

[JJ Hummon and Qaysura Syne - "India Polio Immunization Trip"](#)

November 15th

[Major General James Dozier- Honoring WWII Veterans](#)

November 22nd

[William Pope "Who is Vladimir Putin? What is his game plan?"](#)

November 29th

NO MEETING (Day after Thanksgiving)

**MONTHLY SPEAKER CHAIRS NEEDED  
FEBRUARY, MARCH, APRIL,  
AND MAY 2020**

CONTACT RICHARD MATTERN, IF YOU CAN HELP

## **VOCATIONAL SERVICE AWARD NOMINEES NOW BEING ACCEPTED**

Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club intends to again recognize a non-Rotarian member of the Sanibel Community with a special award for Vocational Service Excellence. To that end we are seeking names from club members of the potential recipient of this recognition. If you know someone not a member of Rotary you feel would be a qualified candidate for the award, please contact Bill Rahe. **WE MUST HAVE YOUR NOMINATION AND WRITE-UP BY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2019.**

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**November 9 MEALS OF HOPE 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM**

**November 10 CROW'S TASTE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**November 16 Road Kill 8 a.m. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**December 2 Holiday Party St. Charles Yacht Club MORE INFORMATION TO COME**

**SANIBEL-CAPTIVA ROTARY'S 40TH CLUB ANNIVERSARY celebration dinner, February 29TH, 2020. THIS EVENT WILL ALSO BE A FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR CART. Planning Help Needed !!!**

**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 HAD THE PLEASURE OF HAVING BIG ARTS' EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, LEE ELLEN HARDER, AS OUR GUEST SPEAKER RECENTLY.** As most Islanders know over the summer there has been many changes to the BIG ARTS cultural complex on Sanibel. In fact, that is really an understatement in describing the amazing transformation to the BIG ARTS buildings and grounds. How about we just call it a total teardown because that is exactly what happened. The new building still occupies the same total buildable footprint but now uses the old extended outside veranda spaces and walkways within the framework of the new 30,865 square foot building. The exceptional design of the building will allow a new entrance way from the shared BIG ARTS/Sanibel Historical Museum & Village parking area into a welcoming lobby with generous space for gathering before and after performing arts events in the 410-seat theater or other events happening on this cultural campus.

The vision of the new BIG ARTS building was to keep the traditions of the founders of BA alive and well, using as their guideline the mission "to create great arts, entertainment and learning experiences that always inspire, enrich and delight". From the humble beginnings and DREAMS of a small group of artistic and creative islanders the Barrier Island Group for the Arts/BIG ARTS, in 1979 the idea was to provide islanders programming and space where visual and performing arts would find a home here on Sanibel. The City of Sanibel helped in that vision by leasing city land for such a place. Modifications throughout the next 40 years have expanded the campus and the programming offered at BIG ARTS but the main venue/Schein Hall was no longer capable of providing a quality audience experience and updates to sound and light tech just could not be improved on any further. The design of the seating area in the performance hall needed a functioning redesign as well with some flexibility that will enhance the audience experience for many types of performance art. Gallery, classroom and artistic studio space needed to be expanded, and to keep everything humming along there was a definite need for a better-designed office-space command center. Flexible public indoor and outdoor space for social gatherings was needed and is now incorporated in the new building, and with the addition of a thrust-stage outdoor extension of the building BA now has the ability to provide staging for outdoor performances within the center garden area of the BIG ARTS campus. Congratulations go to the outstanding group of forward thinkers at BIG ARTS who dared to DREAM BIG to create such a beautiful new venue for the Arts. A venue that will house quality entertainment genres and provide space where creative works can be produced. And dare I do not mention, a space where lectures and classes may often stimulate our thinking and stretching our minds.

Our business community here on the Islands benefit from having such an exciting cultural and educational center on Sanibel, one that draws people to our restaurants and shops before and after performances.

Lee Ellen showed us a wonderful time-lapse video of construction on the new BIG ARTS building. WOW! Buildings coming down, land being cleared and leveled, cement being

poured, walls going up, windows and doors going in, roof construction, and a paint job. The video ends there, but not the work. Now the inside finishing begin and that will probably be the toughest area to get right. Technology galore, oh my!

Opening of the new building and BIG ARTS DREAM SEASON 2020 starts on February 1 with THE GREAT DUBOIS. This will certainly be a busy year at BIG ARTS, so don't wait too long to buy your tickets to wonderful great performances...tickets now on sale and selling out fast. The workshop programs have already been announced and reservations are underway. Great year, great fun, great for all of us. Some may wonder what is happening to the BIG ARTS Strauss Theater on Perwinkle, well, I think that plans are still in the works for the space. Small lecture space, additional classroom space, a new pottery studio area – is definite, meeting space, and maybe small soundproof instrument and vocal rehearsal space (that's just my suggestion). There are so many people to recognize for making this DREAM come true for BIG ARTS. We will recognize just a few and hope we will be forgiven for not mentioning everyone: Fundraising - Chair, Jim Pigott and Founding Member Ralph Clark; Facilities – Chair, Chuck Ketterman and Architect Amy Nowack; City of Sanibel and Staff at BIG ARTS.

Sanibel-Captiva Rotary meets Friday mornings at 7:00 a.m. for breakfast at the Dunes Golf & Tennis Club, Sanibel. All are welcome.



Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Trust Board – r to l – Scott Mowry, Barbara Ellis, Bill Rahe, John Henshaw, Chris DeCosta, John Danner, and Clark Rambo presented out-going



Trust member Bill Rahe with an "Outstanding Appreciation of Service" plaque for his years of service on the Trust Board and for his tireless work and exceptional leadership as a member and officer of the Trust.

