



Friday's Speaker: Lee Ellen Harder, Executive Director of BIG ARTS



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BIG ARTS Update

Lee Ellen Harder is the Executive Director of BIG ARTS (Barrier Island Group for the Arts), providing leadership and strategic direction as it approaches its 42nd year of offering quality entertainment, arts and education programs that enrich and nurture the lives of Sanibel and Captiva residents and visitors. During her tenure, BIG ARTS operating budget and endowment have more than quadrupled and the membership base has more than tripled. She has steered the expansion of artistic and educational programming which has led to a broadened audience demographic, and has developed and maintains relationships with other non-profit organizations, businesses and key stakeholders. She successfully oversaw the construction project of a new 27,000 square foot facility that houses BIG ARTS performing arts center with a 414-seat theater, a fine arts gallery, and education center.

Under her leadership, BIG ARTS has been the recipient of The Lee County Alliance of the Arts Organization of the Year Award, Arts Organization Leader of the Year Award, and the Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau and the Greater Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce Chrysalis Award for Cultural Achievement. She has served on the boards of local organizations including the Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce, Children's Education Center of the Islands and the School Advisory Council of The Sanibel School. Prior to coming to BIG ARTS in 2003, Harder spent more than two decades in management and business development in the hospitality industry.

Harder holds degrees in Communications and Education from the University of Vermont and an executive leadership certificate from Harvard University.

Lee Ellen Harder has lived on Sanibel Island since 1988 with her husband Patrick. Their island born and raised daughter, Jocelyn, now lives in Boston and is a Planner with the TJX Companies.

Rotary Golf Scramble



Speakers

January 08, 2021

[Lee Ellen Harder - Big Arts Executive Director](#)
Up coming Events at Big Arts

January 15, 2021

[Dr. John Meyer, President of Hodges University](#)
Education

January 22, 2021

[Rotary Vocational Person of the Year](#)

January 29, 2021

[Ann Brady-Director-Robert Rauschenberg Foundation](#)
Non-Profit

Birthdays

Logan Douglas Lee
January 9th

F William Rahe
January 23rd

Robert C. Monk
January 27th

Roger Grogman
January 31st

John A. Klasing
February 2nd

Wedding Anniversaries

William Raymond Letendre Sr.
January 28th

Eldon L. Bohrofen
January 30th

Years of Service

Dan Cohn
02-01-1989
32 Years

Richard D. Salerno Jr.
01-21-2008
13 Years

John M. Mason
01-20-2012
9 Years

Roger W. Triftshauser
01-20-2012
9 Years

Edward C. Wheeler
01-20-2012
9 Years

Cindy Carter
01-30-2015



6 Years
William Raymond Letendre Sr.
02-03-2017
4 Years
Sharron Ann Moss-Higham
02-01-2019
2 Years
Larry Flynn
01-24-2020
1 Year

Join us for San-Cap Rotary's Day of Golf and Giving!
Sanibel Island Golf Club
Saturday, February 13th 2021 ◆ President's weekend◆
Shotgun Start 9AM

Includes a great time, box lunch, hat and a swag bag!

Our goal is to raise over \$50K which will go towards funding our 2021-22 Charities.

[Read More](#)

A note from the Golf Scramble Committee

Rotarians:

We are now ready to begin promoting our largest fundraiser for the year: The Charity Cup. We need everyone's help in making contacts and selling golf Player Participation, Sponsorships and Ball Drop Balls. All three of these are crucial for the success of the event.

The attachment Assigned Contacts lists names and persons/organizations for you to contact. It is arranged alphabetically by member. Please also contact other persons you know such as friends and family. We hope with these assignments we will avoid duplicate contacts with businesses and the workload will be spread widely. We ask that you approach these businesses and people for support.

The Registration Form should be used and filled out completely to record their names and what they are signing up for. Please send their check and the form to San-Cap Rotary Treasurer at the address indicated. If they insist you leave it with them to submit that's OK, but please ask them to fill all information requested.

1. Player Participation. The cost is \$200 per player and they can sign up individually or with a team of four. If they are not signing up a whole team, they will be assigned to a group of four. Each player will receive a hat, a box lunch, beverages and tee favors. There will be prizes for the various contests indicated including the hole in one prize.
2. Sponsorship. The Registration Forms identifies the different levels of sponsorship. The attached Sponsor Recognition page tells you what each sponsor will receive as additional perks. Sponsorships are key to our fundraising.
3. Ball Drop Balls. A helicopter will lift all sold balls well above ground and drop them over a target area on one of the fairways. The ball closest to the target pin wins. The prize could be \$1000 or more depending on how many balls are sold. Most of you have been assigned a sheet with ball numbers. Please print your own sheet. You should enter the name of the person buying balls next to a given number. If they buy eight balls, you enter their name against eight numbers. You will turn the completed form in to Bob Stern or one of us for the record. When we pick up the closest number we can go to that sheet and find the winner's name. Other members will also receive sheets with their names on them. We are asking each person to sell 25 balls. This gives some flexibility for the person who wants to support us but not at the Player or Sponsor level.

Lets◆ try to get this complete before the holidays.

We appreciate your help. Thank you.

Yours in Rotary,

Sanibel School Interact Club spreading Holiday Cheer!

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Front row: Siena Lodwick, Addison Sprecher, Caroline Muddell

Back row: Nik Bakos, Kayce Nette, Heidi Hall



FISH meal delivery volunteers, Rick Perry, Shirley Schulz, Elaine Parente

The Sanibel School's Interact Club, sponsored by the Sanibel-Captiva Rotary, created holiday cards and gift jars filled with candy canes and tea lights for Sanibel FISH clients. FISH volunteers delivered the gifts with some extra

holiday spirit on December 24th, just in time for Christmas. The recipients of the gifts expressed much appreciation!!

Hybrid Meetings are Here!



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This Friday, we will be holding a hybrid meeting both on Zoom and in person at The Dunes. Our guest speaker this week will be Lee Ellen Harder - Executive Director of BIG ARTS, "BIG ARTS Update"

If you wish to attend a meeting in person, please email Bill Harkey on William.Harkey@gmail.com by Wednesday. YOU MAY NOT JUST SHOW UP! You will be required to wear a mask at all times in the building when not sitting at your table. You should not attend if you have had ANY signs of feeling unwell.

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/81586440050?pwd=RSsrcFB1cFFMS0hkaWo1WFJYMF15UT09>

Meeting ID: 815 8644 0050

Password: ROTARY2021

Or by phone:

+1 312 626 6799

Meeting ID: 815 8644 0050

Password: 9077383631

See you Friday morning!

Club Meeting

Sanibel-Captiva

Meets at The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club

949 Sand Castle Road

Sanibel, FL 33957

Time: Friday at 07:00 AM

