

Rotary

Club of Sanibel-Captiva



Welcome New Member Bob Stern

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Bob has served as President and CEO of multiple companies, most recently Vascular Dynamics, Inc., focused on the management of refractory high blood pressure from November of 2011 to November 2017. In that role, Bob raised \$33 million dollars of venture funding. The funds have been utilized to develop the product, gain approval for a PMA study in the United States and a CE (Conformité Européenne) Mark in Europe and complete their FIM Trial. Bob served as Micrus Endovascular's (MEND, NASDAQ), President and Chief Operating Officer from November 2007 through December 2011. Prior to that, he was the Micrus Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer from January 2004 to November 2007. Bob was appointed Micrus Secretary in March 2005. From September 2000 to January 2004, Mr. Stern served as the President and Chief Executive Officer of Context Connect, Inc., a telecommunications company raising \$5 million. From March 2000 to September 2000, he served as the Executive Vice President of Qixel Capital Group, an investment holding company operating 15 companies in Asia. From January 1996 to March 2000, he served as the Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of InnerDyne, Inc., a medical device company (IDYN, NASDAQ). Mr. Stern received his B.S. in Business Administration from the University of New Hampshire, Whittemore School of Business and Economics, and his MBA from the University of New Mexico, Anderson School of Management.

Welcome Officially Bob!

Welcome New Member Josef

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Speakers

Birthdays

John A. Klasing
February 2nd
Stanley E. Grogg
February 21st
Guy H. Tober
February 27th
Heather S. Scott
March 1st
William Raymond
Letendre Sr.
March 4th

**Wedding
Anniversaries**

John Anthony Raho
February 14th
Joleen Mercedes
Raho
February 14th
Lee Almas
February 22nd

Years of Service

Michael F. Raab
02-22-2007
16 Years
John Grey
02-26-2010
13 Years
Greg Thomas
Scherer
02-20-2015
8 Years
William Raymond
Letendre Sr.
02-03-2017
6 Years
Gary Walter Dyer
02-10-2017
6 Years
Heather S. Scott
03-01-2019
4 Years
James D. Reid



03-03-2020
3 Years

After a decade of service in the public sector in Alaska, Massachusetts and Indiana leading agencies for human services, developmental disabilities and mental health, Josef joined The George Washington University School of Business and Public Administration to serve as Deputy Director of the Local Funding Partners Program for The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. In its life, the program provided over \$200 million in matching funds to stimulate health service innovations in communities in 48 of the 50 states, matching funds with over 400 local foundations and non-traditional funding partners. A week after completing his doctorate, he joined the faculty, and the Office of the Dean of the School of Public Health. For 14 years, he served in multiple roles, including Dean. His dissertation title was "Women's Ways of Leading, a Transformational Approach to State Leadership" His proudest title at the university was professor, as he carried a full teaching load of core courses for 41 of 43 semesters and received seven Excellence in Teaching Awards from the student body. In 2016, he was awarded emeritus status and re-focused his efforts to serve philanthropic, public and private organizations, higher education, and executive coaching for policy fellows at The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine. His consulting practice and coaching is based on learning systems and approaches to advance the capacities of individuals and organizations to support adaptive leadership. He has also been the keynote presenter at the bi-annual Inter Agency Institute for Federal Health Care Leaders for two decades. Josef is married to Elizabeth Piersol, an interior designer, who has a Masters in Non-Profit Management and certification in Adaptive and Universal Design. In 2020, Elizabeth started Furnish with Care to provide design, furnishings and installation to create a welcoming, safe home for individuals and families in financial need.

Welcome Josef!

2023-24 Board of Directors

Congratulations to the Approved 2023-2024 Board of Directors:

President: Don McDonald
President-Elect: Rachel Tritaik
Vice President: Gary Dyer
Treasurer: John Raho
Secretary: Chet Sadler
Sargeant-At-Arms: Don Russell
Past President: Annie Campbell
Director: Roger Grogram (2024)
Director: Barbara Ellis (2024)
Director: Paul Barlo (2025)
Director: Maureen McGauran (2025)
Director: Gene Hardy (2026)
Director: David Lowden (2026)
President's Assistant/Public Relations: Cindy Lee

Thanks A Million



This Week, our Thanks A Million goes to....

Barb Ellis

**for being a Board Member and an enthusiastic Chair of the Interact Club at
the Sanibel School!**

**You are awesome!
THANK YOU!**

Drywall Distribution

Drywall Distribution Day!

Rotary and FISH of SanCap had a successful drywall delivery day this past week, helping many deserving families on the island rebuild their lives.



Rotarian David Lowden, Manuela Martinez of FISH of SanCap, Maria Espinoza of Rotary and FISH, and Don McDonald, Rotary President Elect

Paul Harris Fellow Recipients

Congratulations Paul Harris Fellows!



Congratulations to Clair Beckmann, PH+5, Don McDonald, PH+2 and Roger Triftshauser, PH+5!



Congratulations to Clark Rambo PH+3, Scot Congress, PH+7 and John Henshaw, PH+7 (not pictured)!

These past few weeks we have had the honor of recognizing more of our members as Paul Harris Fellows! Presenting a Paul Harris Fellow Award is the Rotary Foundation's way of expressing its appreciation for a substantial contribution to its humanitarian and educational programs. It is named for our founder, a Chicago attorney, who, with three of his business associates, started the movement in 1905.

Paul Harris Fellow recognition is given in appreciation of anyone who contributes, outright or over time, a gift of \$1,000 or more to the Annual Programs Fund, PolioPlus, or an approved Rotary Matching Grant.

Friday's Speaker

This coming week we will hear from Dr. Wendy Chase, Director of the Honors and Undergraduate Research and Creativity Center at FSW



Dr. Wendy Chase is the Director of Honors and the Center for Undergraduate Research and Creativity at Florida SouthWestern State College. She received her Ph.D. in humanities with an emphasis in film studies from Florida State University. Dr. Chase also holds an M.A. in French literature from FSU and attended the Sorbonne for a year to complete a certificate in French art, literature, and culture. She received a Florida-France Linkage Fellowship after completing her M.A. and spent a year in Rheims teaching English and conducting research on the Left Bank Group.

Dr. Chase has been a humanities professor at Florida SouthWestern State College since 2004 where she has received the President's Award for Exemplary Service, a NISOD award for Excellence in Teaching, a NISOD award for Service to the College, and an award for Best Club Advisor, and the Life Changer award given by students in the Honors program in 2020. Her current research focuses on the intersection of visual art and politics, and the ways in which meaning is constructed, disseminated, and consumed in our technologically-mediated world. She is particularly interested in the legacy of the avant-garde and the potential for art to revolutionize the way we interact with each other and our world. She was the co-editor of the Fall 2019 Humanities Education and Research Association's journal on the theme of *Art, Activism and the Tradition of Dissent*.

Our regular weekly club meetings will resume at 8:00am in person, doors open at 7:30am. Our meeting will take place in-person at the Summerlin Café, 11370 Summerlin Square Dr.

Meetings will also continue to be available by zoom for those unable to physically attend. Those attending in-person may purchase breakfast off the menu or choose to just have coffee, tea, etc.

Here is the link to connect to zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81545260726>

Here is the number to connect by phone: (646) 931-3860

Meeting ID: 815 4526 0726

Passcode: **955563**

See you Friday morning!

S4TL



Do you know of a Junior in High School who may be interested in meeting new friends, and learning leadership skills? We'd like to offer this opportunity to our membership before sending an invitation to the local high schools.

SEMINAR FOR TOMORROW'S LEADERS (S4TL) is a leadership seminar sponsored by Rotary Districts 6890, 6950, and 6960. S4TL is open to high school students who have completed his/her junior year and will be returning as a senior. Approximately 165 delegates from more than 100 high schools participate in the program. There is room for 55 delegates from each district.

The 2023 Session will be held at Florida Southern College in Lakeland, FL on June 18-24. Daily activities include exciting lectures, discussions, rap sessions, and demonstrations of those principles which enable an individual to lead others. Students will also get a taste of college dormitory life.

Please reach out to Cindy at rotarycindycarter@gmail.com, 239-302-0670 for more information!

You are cordially invited to a District 6960 Gala

Imagine Your Impact

with **The Rotary Foundation**



Keynote Speaker
Larry A. Lunsford, The Rotary Foundation Vice Chair



February 25, 2023 at 5:00 pm
Plantation Golf & Country Club
500 Rockley Blvd. | Venice, FL 34293

Join Us for Dinner & Rotary Foundation Program

\$75.00 per person | Black-Tie Optional
Registration on DACdb

Wheelchair Foundation



Hi Naples, Fort Myers, Sanibel and Bonita Springs Club Presidents and President Elects,

As you all know, it is coming up on the first anniversary of our good friend and Rotarian, Steve Agius's untimely passing. Gary Dworkin, Steve Cannon and I have had the pleasure of carrying on Steve's District 6960 Wheelchair Foundation Legacy.

District 6960 Wheelchair Foundation has partnered with Naples All Star Events on their upcoming Legends of Basketball Event on March 27, 2023. Gary, Steve, and I will have the District 6960 Wheelchair Foundation table set up out front of the main entrance for attendees to learn about The Wheelchair Foundation.

20% of all Rotarian ticket purchases go to the District 6960 Wheelchair Foundation

Naples AllStarEvents

Bringing Sports Legends to Southwest Florida

Dave Bing Bob Dandridge Kevin McHale Rick Barry



DATE & TIME 4:00PM | Exclusive Meet and Greet
March 27, 2023 5:00PM | Main Event Begins
Doors Open at 3:30 7:30PM | Event Closing

VENUE
Hilton Naples – Royal Palm Ballroom
[5111 Tamiami Trail N. Naples, FL 34103](https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/naples-royal-palm-ballroom/)

Main event tickets include a 1-hour pre-show with appetizers, cash bar, and more. Event and two and a half hours of entertainment like no other. Engage with the Legends in a Q&A storytelling of their challenges and triumphs during their illustrious careers as professional NBA players and their post-career ending in an autograph session.

*****Here is the special link that will automatically apply the 20% off code at checkout*****
<https://naplesallstarevents-tickets.square.site/product/LOB4/19?cc=ROTARY>

This is valid only for users that use this link, and only until March 1, 2023

Club Presidents, please pass this email onto all your members and let them know of this fantastic opportunity to help raise money for past Rotarian Steve Agius's The Wheelchair Foundation. Naples All Star Events is also providing 30 second radio spots for The Wheelchair Foundation on Fox Sports Radio every Saturday and Sunday until the event from the radio show runs from 8am to 9am.

*****If you like basketball please purchase a ticket. It will be a fun event.*****

We hope to see as many of you as possible at this event.

YIRS,

Gary, Steve and Jim

Rotary License Plates Support Youth Services



PLEASE HELP FLORIDA'S YOUTH

We are looking for Floridians who want to support Rotary's Youth Programs across the state—and we'd like to count on you. You do not have to be a Rotarian to get a Florida Specialty Tag with the Rotary symbol—all you have to do is get yours today through www.floridarotarytag.com and help us get to the 3,000-mark so the plates will go into production! Get on for your car, motorcycle, RV, motorcycle trailer, boat trailers, corporate fleet vehicles and more, and help us support this great cause! Read on for ordering instructions.

To order your voucher, go to: [OrangeCountyLPVoucher \(pointandpay.net\)](http://OrangeCountyLPVoucher.pointandpay.net)

- Under My Bills:
 - Payment Type – Place an R and Rotary will come up, select ROTARY
 - Fill in Driver's License number
 - Tag/Plate if you already have a vanity plate then enter your 5 letters and/or digits. If not enter 12345
- Under Cardholder Information, enter all information then complete all Payment Information for your credit card
- Hit CONTINUE
- If screen gives you an error message go to the red indicator on screen, fix the error and click CONTINUE again
- You next screen will ask you to review and confirm, click CONFIRM and SUBMIT
- Your next screen is your receipt – no need to PRINT as you will get a confirmation by email within minutes

Next you will receive a certificate by snail mail. Put it where you will remember where it is when your tag comes up for renewal (i.e. place in your glove compartment).

Temporary Mailing Address



It has been brought to our attention that mail going to our normal, pre-Ian, address is being "returned to sender"! Until further notice, please use the following address for anything you need to send to the club via mail.

Edison National Bank/BOTI
Attn: David Lowden | San-Cap Rotary
13000 S Cleveland Ave
Fort Myers, FL 33907.

2022-2023 President Contact Info



Contact information for our 2022-2023 President Annie Campbell
cell (231) 313-1589 or annie@heightsfoundation.org.

Club Meeting

Sanibel-Captiva
Meets at Summerlin Café
11370 Summerlin Square Dr.
Fort Myers, FL 33931
Time: Friday at 07:30 AM

