

Rotary Club of Sanibel-Captiva



Rotary Social



Fun was had by all at last week's Trivia Night!

Be on the lookout for the next Rotary Social!

In case you missed it!



Last Weeks Speaker:
Club Assembly

From the Trust Board:

Beginning Balances FY 2025: Checking: \$83,212.06
Vanguard Endowment: \$142,344.66

Total disbursements 7/1 through 1/12/2025 \$97,988 as follows:

CART \$5,000
Habitat for Humanity \$5,000
Open Windows Foundation \$5,000
Calusa Water Keeper \$5,000
Community Housing Resources \$5,000
The Sanibel School \$4,900
Project Dentists Care of SWFL \$5,000
Ding Darling \$2,500
Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum & Aquarium \$5,000
FISH of SanCap \$5,000
Partners for Breast Cancer Care \$5,000
Literacy in Day Care \$1,200
Haiti Orphanage \$7,000
Scholarships: \$12,500

Disaster Funds Post Hurricanes Helene and Milton: CECI, CHR, CROW, District 6960, Zones 33&34, FISH, the Sanibel School, and Sanibel Historical Museum.

Speakers

February 07, 2025
[Bob Stern](#)
Stroke Health

February 14, 2025
[Robert Monk](#)
Arts and Crafts
Festival Preparation
Meeting

February 21, 2025
[Jesse Bryson](#)
I Will Mentorship

February 28, 2025
[Jim Hinck](#)
The Rotary
Foundation

Birthdays

Dorothy Marie Farrell
February 7th
Richard Birney
February 8th
Stanley E. Grogg
February 21st
Guy H. Tober
February 27th
Heather S Scott
March 1st

Wedding Anniversaries

John Anthony Raho
February 14th
Joleen Mercedes
Raho
February 14th
Jennifer Lusk
February 16th
Lee Almas
February 22nd
Gayle A Dendinger
March 4th

Years of Service

Michael F. Raab
02-22-2007
18 Years
Greg Thomas
Scherer
02-20-2015
10 Years
Heather S Scott
03-01-2019
6 Years
Chip Welch
02-09-2024
1 Year
Lillian L Conrad-
Decker
03-01-2024
1 Year

Commitments for 2nd half of Rotary Year 24-25: \$61,634 which leaves a balance of \$21,638 available for 2025 Spring Grant Cycle.

Wheels for Wheels

Wheels Tri-chair and Founder John Danner reported that The Howard S Danner Jr Wheels for Wheels cycling Challenge has raised \$131,000 since its inception in 2013. Over 1100 wheelchairs have been distributed as a result in Trinidad, the Bahamas, Peru, Barbados and, in 2024 Belize. Club members have been part of the distributions in Trinidad, Barbados and Belize. The Club has also provided wheelchairs for other places apart from Wheels for Wheels, including Haiti and Guatemala. Wheelchairs were also provided locally for FISH after their loaners were lost in Hurricane Ian.

The 2025 Wheels for Wheels Celebration will be held Saturday, April 5 at Noon in the Founders Room at the Community House. Sign-up forms, pledge sheets and other items will be distributed following the Arts and Crafts Festival.

John thanked long-time fellow tri-chairs Roger Grogman and John Henshaw and announced the addition of Maria Espinoza and Tom Green to the committee. John will continue to work with the committee.

Rotary FOUNDATION

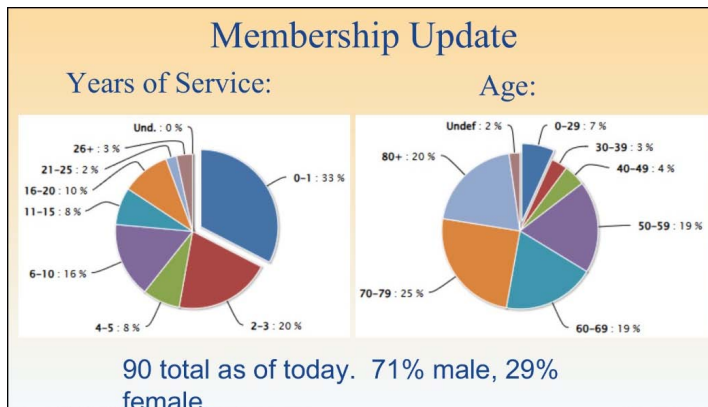
Club Foundation Chair John Danner reported that there has been significant interest in the Rotary Foundation this year and a number of first time Paul Harris recognitions. He also noted that recognition awards will again be given out on Friday, February 14. He will also be distributing forms for members to sign up to be part of the Paul Harris Society, committing to giving \$1000 per year.

John will be moving from the area and is looking for a successor in this role which he has held for three years.

From the Membership Committee

"Consistent, moderate membership growth is the #1 success metric of a membership organization. Understanding how membership organizations work is essential to membership growth. As members of the Sanibel Captiva Rotary Club, we are all connected to the Membership Committee, and it takes a group effort to continue to grow the Club. One of the biggest challenges for any Rotary Membership Club is attrition and right now we are losing 3 very good Rotarians due to life changes. So, to make up for this, we all need to encourage our friends to come as guests to learn what Rotary is all about. By encouraging more people to join our Club, we can help offset the loss of having good members leave the Club. One good way to invite guests is to let them know when we have a good speaker lined up."

Savannah Miller-Berg is the new Co-Chair of the Membership Committee, alongside David Lowden.



To transition from a red badge to a blue badge Rotarian, and to help new members become better acquainted with Rotary and answer questions about procedures and opportunities for Rotary Service, they must complete certain tasks.

Red Badge Program

1. Log into DACdb.com
2. Review sanibelrotary.org
3. Review rotary.org
4. Register on my.rotary.org
5. Complete learning modules (recommended for all Rotarians):
 - a. Rotary Basics
 - b. Preventing and Addressing Harassment
 - c. Microaggressions
6. Sit at a different table each meeting
7. Serve as Club Greeter for two meetings
8. Lead the Four Way Test
9. Volunteer for a Service Project
10. Attend a Board/Trust Board meeting
11. Serve on a Club Committee
12. Have Fun!

Club Activities

July

4th July Parade
District Conference Punta Gorda

August

Social at Lighthouse Restaurant
Rotary Day with the Rays

September

Social at Doc Fords
Coastal Clean-up
Peace Pole Dedication
Post-Hurricane Helene Clean-Ups

October

Multi-Club Pints for Polio
Fall Grant Cycle Distribution
Post-Milton Hurricane Clean-ups
Volunteers at Community House/FISH distribution
Rotary Disaster Trailer for showers/laundry
Mucking and Gutting Punta Gorda
Wheelchair Distribution Belize
Social Captiva Community Association

November

Love Sanibel Event table
Beach Clean-up

December

Luminary
10K/5K Race
Social – Concert for FISH
Our Mother's Home Furniture Assembly
Holiday Party
SCCF Road Clean-up
New Resident Reception

January

Volunteer Expo
January Social Game and Trivia Night
Feed Our Starving Children Meal Packing

Upcoming Events!

**Storage Unit Sorting, Saturday, Feb 8, 8:00am
Meet at Summerlin Cafe

**RLI Parts 1,2 & 3 & Grant Writing Course, Feb 8,
North Port
Register on DACdb Calendar

** Rotary Legacy Dinner, Feb 15
Venice, FL

**The International Convention in Calgary, Alberta, Canada will be June 21-25.
Members can register at convention.rotary.org.

Upcoming Meetings

****Arts & Crafts Festival Meeting, weekly on Wednesdays, 8:00am
Bank of the Islands, or Zoom**

Committee meetings and board meetings: all members welcome. Please contact Rachel for Zoom link if needed.

Volunteer Opportunities

****Please reach out to Sally Haynes to volunteer for the
Arts & Crafts Festival on February 14 - 16!
revsal@gmail.com or 816-226-6980**

Please send your pictures of any Rotary events to:

Photos@sanibelrotary.org

	<p>Send Photos: photos@sanibelrotary.org Email Questions: rachel@islandtherapycenter.com</p>			
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Arts & Crafts Festival Awards

Volunteer information: Y'all are wonderful, we have a great list of volunteers who have signed up! Everyone should please plan to stay after the February 14 Rotary meeting for as short or as long as possible to help with set up. All Rotarians should wear a Rotary Volunteer shirt when working, which will be available for purchase at the Feb. 7 meeting for persons who do not already have one. Email assignments are coming out this week. If you haven't signed up to help yet and would like to, please email Sally at revsal@gmail.com with your preferred times to work.

Awards from the January 31 meeting, based on Beach Music:

The "What Does It Take To Win Your Love" Award goes to *Barb Ellis*, who has carefully hand-picked and filled all of her volunteer spaces. . . and didn't invite ME (Sally)!

The "Under the Boardwalk" and "Up on the Roof" Award goes to *everyone who will be working on Dick Waterhouse's team*, because you'll be working there and everywhere in between.

The "Nothing You Can Do Can Take Me Away from My Guy" Award goes to *Jane Henshaw, Joanne Prestia, and Arlene Mowrey* who agreed to a special request to work alongside their Rotary guys.

Awards from the January 24 meeting:

The "It's a Family Affair" Award goes to *CeCe Lichow*, who is bringing 2 additional family members with her to volunteer.

The "You Can 'Yodel-A-E-Hoo' and 'Ooh-La-La' All You Want, but It Will Cost You" Award goes to *Mary Bondurant*, who will be in Switzerland, and to *Jack Kozik*, who will be in France, and unable to volunteer. Please check with Clair Beckman to make your generous donation to our silent auction.

The "You Can Run, but You Can't Hide" Award goes to *Will Jones* who showed up at Sally's house for a different meeting and instead got harassed for not volunteering yet; and to our beloved *Lee Almas*, who Sally visited in rehab (he's doing great, recovering so well that they'll kick him out one of these days). Lee offered to volunteer for this year's Festival as he always does, but Sally noted that people would think she was a terrible person for going to visit someone on the mend and signing them up to volunteer while she was there. So, while he's not officially signed up- yet- if Lee can do it, then surely you can, too!

Silent Auction

Friday is the LAST DAY to bring in your Auction Items. We will be at 200 plus items and appreciate each of you good Rotarians for doing your part. Soon, auction job one will be BUYING loads of items.

**Huge Thanks,
Clair**

BASKET ASSEMBLY TEAM AND CONTRIBUTORS,

Huge gratitude to you all, especially fearless leader and artist extraordinaire Susan Sadler, and Basket Queen, Sharron Moss-Higham. We have the following baskets with estimated Retail Value of DRUMROLL-\$2,000

Margarita Time
Fun at the Beach
Shell Yeah
Games
Relaxation
Good Dog
Flamingo Bonanza
Fun/Booze/Games
Take Care of Yourself
Wines of Europe
Belize Rum

Cocktail Hour Fun
Fun for Kids

Thank you especially to the making team for working so hard and making silk purses out of sow's ears, for donating loads and loads of great stuff and for being you.

Clair Beckmann
303-319-2435 cell
clairann2000@yahoo.com

Friday's Speaker

This week we will hear from
Bob Stern,
Stroke Health



Bob Stern has served as a board member, most recently as Chairman of Cardiac-Tec, and Vice Chairman of LuSeed Vascular and Mivi Neuroscience. During his career, he led talented teams as President and CEO of multiple companies. Currently, Bob invests in healthcare technologies through Sanibel Capital, an investment firm. Bob was CEO of Vascular Dynamics Inc and focused on the management of refractory high blood pressure from November 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 sold to JNJ), 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. 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), sold to US Surgical.

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.

Mr. Stern currently serves on multiple philanthropic and commercial boards.

Our regular weekly club meetings are at 8:00am, doors open at 7:30am. Our meeting will take place at

The Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel!

Meetings will also continue to be available by zoom for those unable to physically attend.

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

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

Meeting ID: 885 1377 3856

Passcode: **955563**

See you Friday morning!

Rotary February Theme



Peace and conflict prevention/resolution.

The month of February is very special in the Rotary calendar because it includes the anniversary of the first meeting of Rotary held on February 23, 1905, in Chicago. That day is now designated as "World Understanding and Peace Day".

On February 23, Rotary celebrates the 109th anniversary of the first Rotary club meeting. This is an opportunity for Rotary clubs and districts to promote Rotary's public image.

There are a variety of tools available at the Rotary Media Center: (www.rotary.org/en/public-relations), on the Rotary International website and in the new Rotary Brand Center: www.Rotary.org/BrandCenter.

Here are 8 ideas to celebrate Rotary Day:

1. Create a Rotary history speakers bureau. Have Rotary club members in the community speak at the Library, Chamber of Commerce, and schools on the value of volunteerism, using project examples from Rotary's century of service.
2. Have the members of your Rotary club commit to a total of 109 hours of volunteer service during the week of Feb 16 to 22. Announce the total on Feb. 23
3. Write a newspaper article or letter to the editor to highlight what Rotary has accomplished locally and globally in the past and why it remains relevant today. Place it in community or school newspapers. A template for a Rotary Day news release is available at: Rotary Day Press Release Template <https://www.rotary.org/en/document/858>. This should be updated and personalized for the local media.
4. Request your community's mayor to proclaim February 23 "Rotary Day" in your town. A sample proclamation is available at: <https://www.rotary.org/en/document/859>. This also needs to be updated for 2022 and for your community.
5. Write an article on the history of Rotary in your community. Focus on vocational, community, youth and international service. Submit it to your local newspaper for possible publication.
6. Coordinate with a local television station or radio station to have Rotarians appear on a morning talk show or evening news segment in honor of Rotary Day. They can highlight Rotary history and local and international service efforts.
7. Collect items for distribution to those in need, such as shoes, school supplies, coats, gloves, and eyeglasses, and distribute them during a Rotary Day event.
8. Create a giant birthday cake in the shape of a Rotary gearwheel to mark Rotary's birthday, and invite the community or media to share it.

These are just 8 ideas to celebrate Rotary Day on February 23rd and promote Rotary and your club in your community. The anniversary is a great opportunity to tell the Rotary story and engage others in our vision of doing good in the world.

Rotary has designated months to help clubs develop meeting agendas, projects, or public image campaigns based on these special occasions.

The concept is to give all the clubs of the District a Ready Reckoner of the types of Service Projects which could be indulged during the year, and help plan the activities of the year, mostly based on the Rotary Calendar, i.e. Rotary Designated Months.

2024-2025 President Contact Info

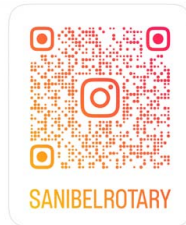
Our 2024-2025 Sanibel-Captiva Rotary President: Rachel Tritaik



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Club Meeting

Sanibel-Captiva
Meets at Sanibel Community House
2173 Periwinkle Way
Sanibel, FL 33957
Time: Friday at 07:30 AM

