

Rotary Club of Sanibel-Captiva



Peace on Earth

To Infinity and Beyond!



Peace on Earth - April 19 Photo Op

We have been invited to participate in Rotary's "Peace On Earth" program. Our digitized Club photo will be placed in a capsule on board the Griffin moon lander atop a SpaceX Falcon Heavy rocket scheduled to launch in late 2024. As a part of our program, a local High Schools created a virtual city on the moon. We have expanded on that idea and have created a place for your club to have a virtual location in Peace City, our virtual city.

For more information, please visit the website: RotaryOnTheMoon.com.

A photo is being taken of the club on April 19th that will end up on the Moon! Please be sure to wear your BLUE Rotary polo shirt!

Thanks to Rachel Tritaik for submitting and getting the Club's winning bid!

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Installation Dinner



Speakers

April 19, 2024

[Keith Laakkonen](#)
Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary
Director

April 26, 2024

[Jack Brzoza](#), Biologist, Coastal
[Wildlife, SCCF](#)
Sea Turtle Season 2024

May 03, 2024

[Student Essay Presentation](#)

May 10, 2024

[Annie Campbell & Kathryn Kelly](#)
The Heights Foundation

Birthdays

Matthew Thomas Pierce
April 21st

Tommy Lee Williams
April 23rd

Jack Kozik
April 24th

Jack Alexander
April 28th

Nigel Thomas Harney
May 1st

Sharron Ann Moss-Higham
May 8th

Robin L Cook
May 9th

Wedding Anniversaries

Guy H. Tober
April 26th

Barbara Leazes
May 4th

Years of Service

Guy H. Tober
05-02-2003
21 Years

Lee Almas
04-22-2005
19 Years

Eldon L. Bohrofen
05-08-2015
9 Years

Mary Bondurant
05-17-2021
3 Years

Paul Barlo
05-17-2021
3 Years

Rick John Hayman
05-17-2021
3 Years

David Barton Lowden
05-17-2021
3 Years

Friday's Speaker

This week we will hear from

**Keith Laakkonen,
Sanctuary Director**



Laakkonen is charged with advancing Audubon's science-based conservation mission to protect the Sanctuary and its watershed. He serves as a key Audubon spokesperson for the conservation of the Western Everglades and collaborates with Audubon Florida leadership to achieve Audubon's conservation goals in the region. He and his team are maintaining and expanding Corkscrew's facilities, staff, and programming, while simultaneously restoring and protecting land and water. To ensure the Sanctuary's financial stability and continued expansion, he works closely with the development team to identify, cultivate, and solicit donors, and with center staff to maximize earned income and manage expenses. Laakkonen, with more than 20 years of environmental management experience as a public servant, most recently worked for the Florida Department of Environmental Protection as Director at the 110,000-acre Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve in Naples and as regional administrator for the Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection. In his prior position as Environmental Sciences Coordinator for the Town of Fort Myers Beach, he earned the Guy Bradley award from Audubon Florida for his work protecting beach-nesting birds. Laakkonen is a Southwest Florida native, an avid birder, and a longtime member of Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary. A graduate of the University of Florida with a Bachelor of Science in wildlife ecology, Laakkonen completed his master's degree at Florida Gulf Coast University with a focus on sea-level rise policy. His interests include watershed management, environmental policy, wildlife ecology, prescribed fire management, hydrologic restoration, exotic plant and animal management, and environmental education and outreach.

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, on 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!

Will Lozier Jones
04-29-2022
2 Years

Diane de Terra
05-06-2022
2 Years

Alison Charney Hussey
05-13-2022
2 Years

Jill Dooling
04-21-2023
1 Year

Barbara Leazes
04-28-2023
1 Year

Manuela Martinez
05-05-2023
1 Year

David Liscinsky
05-05-2023
1 Year

2023-2024 President Contact Info



**Contact information for our 2023-2024 President, Don McDonald
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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

