

# Rotary

## Club of Sanibel-Captiva



Call for Help

## DoGoodery Opportunity!



The recent storm, thankfully, bypassed our area, but still affected areas to our North. It wasn't too long ago that we were asking for help! If you are able, there is still a need for more volunteers for on-the-ground support. There are two shifts **every day, 9am and 1pm**. Please come ready to work at either location during those two times.

- **Pine Craft Neighborhood:** Neighborhood Lead - Tore Knos 770-316-6900  
Der Dutchman Restaurant west side parking lot  
3713 Bahia Vista Street  
Sarasota FL 34232
- **Laurel Meadows:** Neighborhood Lead - Andy Lyman 941-321-7899  
Bayside Community Church  
8200 Bee Ridge Road  
Sarasota, FL 34241

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### Speakers

**August 16, 2024**

[Andrea Miller & John Lai](#)  
City of Sanibel 50th Anniv.

**August 23, 2024**

[Kevin Barbot](#)  
Sanibel Fire Chief

**August 30, 2024**

[NO MEETING](#)  
LABOR DAY

**September 06, 2024**

[Charlie Sobczak](#)  
Author

### Birthdays

Roger W. Triftshauser  
August 13th

Tristan Starbird  
August 21st

Thomas R Green  
August 22nd

John Henshaw  
August 27th

Mary C. Schoeffel  
August 28th

Cindy Lee  
August 30th

David Barton Lowden  
August 31st

Barbara Ellis  
September 4th

Barbara Leazes  
September 5th

### Wedding Anniversaries

Darrin Patrick Grotrian  
August 14th

Christopher J. DeCosta  
August 16th

John M. Mason  
August 18th

Chester James Sadler  
August 20th

Paul J. Hawkins  
August 21st

Roger W. Triftshauser  
August 22nd

Clark Rambo  
August 24th

### Years of Service

William H. Harkey  
08-30-2019  
5 Years

Robin L Cook  
09-11-2020  
4 Years

Linda Graves Arnold  
08-19-2022  
2 Years

## Rotary Social

Fred C Nordstrom  
08-26-2022  
2 Years

Daniel W. Small  
08-18-2023  
1 Year

Sally H. Haynes  
08-18-2023  
1 Year

Savannah Miller-Berg  
08-18-2023  
1 Year

Nigel Thomas Harney  
08-25-2023  
1 Year

A poster for a Rotary Social event. The background is a photograph of a tall, dark metal lighthouse with a glass-enclosed lantern room at the top, set against a blue sky with white clouds. The lighthouse is surrounded by green foliage at the base. Overlaid on the right side of the image is text in various fonts and colors. At the top right, the word "ROTARY" is in orange, and "Social" is in large, bold, dark blue letters. Below that, in smaller black text, is "Meet People. Get Connected. Have fun!". Further down, the event name "Lighthouse Restaurant & Bar" is in large, bold, black letters, followed by the address "14301 Port Comfort Road, Ft Myers 33908" in bold black text. Below the address, it says "Join the 'Family of Rotary' for a fun evening out! Live music begins at 5:30." in black text. Then, the date and time "Thursday, August 22 5-7pm" are in bold black text. Below that, in smaller black text, it says "No reservations needed Rotarians & guests meet in the lounge area for Socializing, drinks, & food. This event is self funded." At the bottom left of the poster, there are two logos: the "Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club" logo with a yellow gear icon, and "THE MAGIC OF ROTARY" logo with a colorful star icon.

**ROTARY**  
**Social**  
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Sanibel-Captiva  
**Rotary**  
Club

THE MAGIC  
OF ROTARY

## Did you know...?

### Go ahead! Email it in!

Our Club has set up an "Email It In" account, with a dedicated folder on our google drive for pictures, videos, files or slides, etc, that anyone can send! We can then use the information for newsletters, press releases, social media and other things.

The new e-mail address is [sancaprotary@emailitin.com](mailto:sancaprotary@emailitin.com)

If you put a [tag] in the Subject Line of your e-mail it will create a separate folder in the Google Drive under the Email It In folder.

If any of you have recent pictures or videos of Rotarians in action, please try it out. We now have an Instagram account (you heard it here first!) so we need some content to flesh it out before revealing to the membership and public. If you want to search for it and follow it, let me know if it is easy to find or if we need to tweak things.

## Club Calendar

To access the Club Calendar, cut and paste the link below:

<https://sanibelrotary.org/?p=calendar>

| August 2024                                     |  |                       |         |  |   |     |
|---|--|-----------------------|---------|--|---|-----|
| Sun   | Mon  | Tue                   | Wed     | Thu                                    | Fri   | Sat |
| 28  | 29   | 30                    | 31      | 1                                      | 2   | 3   |
| Rotary Club of Sanibel-Captiva Donations Portal |  |                       |         |  |   |     |
|   |  | +1 More               | +2 More | 8a Sanibel-Captiva Weekly Club Meeting |   |     |
| 4   | 5  | 6                     | 7       | 8                                      | 9   | 10  |
| Rotary Club of Sanibel-Captiva Donations Portal |  |                       |         |  |   |     |
|   |  |                       |         | 8a Sanibel-Captiva Weekly Club Meeting |   |     |
| 11  | 12   | 13                    | 14      | 15                                     | 16  | 17  |
| Rotary Club of Sanibel-Captiva Donations Portal |  |                       |         |  |   |     |
|   |  |                       |         | 8a Sanibel-Captiva Weekly Club Meeting | 8:15a MASTER CLASS: PUBLIC SPEAKING SKILLS WORKSHOP |     |
| 18  | 19   | 20                    | 21      | 22                                     | 23  | 24  |
| Rotary Club of Sanibel-Captiva Donations Portal |  |                       |         |  |   |     |
|   | 7p District 6950 Finance Committee Meeting | 5p Club Board Meeting |         | 8a Sanibel-Captiva Weekly Club Meeting |   |     |
| 25  | 26   | 27                    | 28      | 29                                     | 30  | 31  |
| Rotary Club of Sanibel-Captiva Donations Portal |  |                       |         |  |   |     |
|   |  |                       |         | 8a No Meeting Today                    |   |     |

## Friday's Speaker

This week we will be hearing from

### Andrea Miller & John Lai, City of Sanibel



#### **Andrea Miller**

Andrea Miller is the Recreation Director for the City of Sanibel. She holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education (Health and Physical Education K -12) (2000), a Master's Degree in Public Administration (2015) and is a graduate of the National Recreation & Parks Association Directors School, the Bartell & Bartell Leadership Flight School, and the Leadership Lee County Program. Additionally, Miller is a Certified Park & Recreation Professional (CPRP) by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) and holds numerous professional fitness certifications. Miller is a Sanibel native whose family has been on the island since 1947.

When not at work, she enjoys spending time with her husband, who is a Principal in the Lee Co School District, her daughter Kaia (a senior studying education at FGCU), her son Matthew (9<sup>th</sup> grader at Cypress Lake High School) and her two dogs!

#### **John Lai**

John Lai is the President and CEO of the Sanibel and Captiva Chamber of Commerce, the premiere business organization Sanibel and Captiva islands with over 475 members, and the Francis P Bailey Visitor Center, the only Visit Florida certified visitor center that is open 365 days a year.

Professionally, John has been in the hospitality and tourism industry for over 30 years and a resident of Lee County for over 30 years. He has operated resorts on Sanibel, Captiva, Clearwater, and Vero Beach.

John joined the Chamber staff in 2017 and was promoted to President and CEO in 2018. John is past president of the Lee County Chapter of the Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association and currently serves as their Lee County Government Affairs Chair.

John serves on the board of directors of Visit Florida as their Chairman of the board, he serves on the board of Lee County Sports, is the past Chairman of the Florida Association of Chamber Professionals, and was a member of the Economic Recovery branch of Resilient Lee, the Lee county Hurricane Recovery Task Force.

John has been married to his wife Amy for 27 years and they have two children, Zachary and Emma who both graduated from University of South Florida and reside in St. Petersburg, FL.

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/](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88513773856)

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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!

**In case you missed it!**



**Last week we heard from Vicki Bonham of Living Well Mission!**



Vicki Bonham, MA, LMHC, is a passionate and dedicated licensed mental health counselor who envisions counseling as the intersection where compassionate care seamlessly merges with transformative change. With a calling to empower individuals, couples, families, and teenagers, Vicki brings extensive expertise and a wealth of knowledge to guide clients in her practice toward profound and positive transformations.

We are looking for members who are typically out of town during hurricane season to help coordinate information on members to our disaster committee. Please email Rachel and/or Maria if you can help. Responsibilities will be to make calls to designated members and field calls from them after a storm.

We are in the process of creating a Peace Pole! We are asking for member input about what languages we would like to go on the pole. Up to 8 including English can be chosen. If you have a strong opinion on what language you would like to see on the pole, reach out to Rachel!

**Shout outs to:**

- Annie and Maria for working with the District on Disaster Relief coordination.
- Maria and Manuela for increasing our social media presence. Please follow us on Instagram and Facebook,
- John Raho for working on the budget and transition of our accounting and working with Scott Mowry to coordinate the transfer to the Trust for our Fall Cycle Grants.
- Linda, Clair, Dolly and Paul H for working on updating the Trust documents and applications on our website,
- Tristan Starbird of Trademark Roofing, which has provided space for Living Well Mission, last week's speaker, and is a generous supporter of their cause.



No Meeting



**There will be NO MEETING on Friday, August 30**

**Enjoy your Labor Day Weekend!**

**MASTER CLASSES: PUBLIC SPEAKING AND CPR AED FIRST AID CERTIFICATIONS**

Rotary District 6960

ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE  
GULF COAST FLORIDA DIVISION  
MASTER CLASS

AUGUST 17  
9 PM - 3 PM  
SATURDAY

**Empower yourself with vital skills!**

Woodland Middle School,  
2700 Panacea Blvd,  
North Port, FL 34289

**Cost: \$100 per class (Includes Lunch)**

| Communicate with Impact  | Heartsaver CPR, AED, and First Aid Training  |
|--|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Public Speaking and Effective Communication Workshop</li><li>Overcome overthinking and manage nerves</li><li>Clear articulation and audience engagement</li></ul> <p>Instructor: Michael Perez<br/>Public Speaking and Communication Coach</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Comprehensive CPR/AED training for adults, children, and infants</li><li>First Aid for medical, injury, and environmental emergencies</li></ul> <p>Instructor: Nationwide Health<br/>NATIONWIDE HEALTH</p> |

**Enhance Your Skills and Earn Certifications!**  
**Register Today!**

Register with QRCode above or go to the District Calendar event on August 17th.  
For assistance, please contact Sherry Penfield, [spenfield@yahoo.com](mailto:spenfield@yahoo.com) or Judy Hammond, [judyhammond@ymail.com](mailto:judyhammond@ymail.com)

## Check out what's happening in D6960 this August!



Dear D6960 Rotarians,

August is Membership Month. Our Membership Chair, PDG Don Thomas, shares the enriching reasons why welcoming our friends and family into Rotary strengthens our clubs and our community. Read that and more in the August District 6960 newsletter. [Click here](#) to read it. A PDF version is also attached.

Registration is open for Rotary Leadership Institute, Parts 1, 2, and 3, happening August 17 in North Port. [Click here](#) for more.

**Important:** We are organizing the support for our Rotary Community in all of Southwest Florida which sustained significant damage in the wake of Hurricane Ian. **Please fill out [this survey](#)** so we know what resources we have and how we can help you.

Yours in Rotary,  
Kelsey



## 2024-2025 President Contact Info

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



Contact information for our 2024-2025 President, Rachel Tritaik  
[rachel@islandtherapycenter.com](mailto:rachel@islandtherapycenter.com) or cell 239-297-4997

## Club Meeting

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

