

# Rotary

## Club of Sanibel-Captiva



### Baskets & Bites



December 9

ATTENTION ROTARY  
CREATIVE MEMBERS  
AND SPOUSES:

SILENT AUCTION  
ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL

# BASKET BRAINSTORM GATHERING

WITH BITES & BEVS  
PRE-DINNER HOUR  
LOCATION TBD



### Speakers

- November 29, 2024**  
[No meeting in observance of Thanksgiving](#)
- December 06, 2024**  
[Dr. Timur](#)  
FGCU President
- December 13, 2024**  
[Jeannine Joy](#)  
United Way
- December 20, 2024**  
[Susan Talmage](#)  
Santiva Islanders

### Birthdays

- Paul J. Hawkins  
November 27th
- Manuela Martinez  
November 28th
- Savannah Miller-Berg  
December 10th
- James A. Davis  
December 10th
- Holli J. Martin  
December 11th
- Jonathan Dean  
December 16th
- Melanie A. Holliday  
December 20th
- Rachel S Tritaik  
December 21st

### Wedding Anniversaries

- David Barton Lowden  
November 26th
- Mary C. Schoeffel  
December 14th
- Bob Stern  
December 17th
- Richard Birney  
December 26th

### Years of Service

- Scot M. Congress  
12-01-1985  
39 Years
- Christopher J. DeCosta

### Holiday Party



SANIBEL-CAPTIVA ROTARY CLUB INVITES  
MEMBERS & GUESTS  
TO OUR  
**HOLIDAY  
PARTY**

DECEMBER **11** 6:00-9:00 PM

*Food - Drink - Fun*

ST CHARLES YACHT CLUB  
15900 ST. CHARLES BLVD  
FORT MYERS FL 33908

REGISTER ONLINE AT [SANIBELROTARY.ORG](http://SANIBELROTARY.ORG)  
BY DEC 6

*Let's celebrate together!*  
APPROPRIATE HOLIDAY ATTIRE  
COCKTAILS 6PM DINNER 7PM  
\$50/PER PERSON  
CASH/CC BAR

12-09-2011  
13 Years  
John Anthony Raho  
12-20-2017  
7 Years

[Register Here!](#)

**Thanksgiving No Meeting**



**Rotary**  
Happy Thanksgiving  
**No meeting November 29**



DMICE

## Dues due



Members with a balance on their club dues for this semi-annual billing period, please ensure you are up-to-date by the end of this month. Rotary International and District 6960 dues are paid for each member on the roster on December 31st and June 30th each year. If you are not sure of your balance, please check your email from club treasurer, John Raho, [mailservice@dacdb.net](mailto:mailservice@dacdb.net), and follow the instructions. Alternately, log into DACdb and select "My Data", then, "My Finance Statement" to check your balance and pay online. Please contact myself or John Raho if you have any questions about your statement.

## In case you missed it!



## Last Week's Speaker:



This past week we welcomed Lisa Riordan from Protect Captiva Coalition. She shared with us important information on the land use changes in Lee County.

In the early 1970's, developers of South Seas Island Resort requested that Lee County downzone the property and limit its development potential. Rather than 3,900 units as the county has permitted, South Seas requested only three units per acre which would result in only 912 units at the resort. In 2003, South Seas tried to increase the number of units allowed. After much resistance, a Settlement Agreement between the Captiva Civic Association, CCA, and the county maintained that "the total number of dwelling units on South Seas Resort is limited to 912" and that "no building permits may be issued . . . that will cause that number to be exceeded at any time."

However, again, South Seas Island Resort is trying to increase the density limit, only this time for an additional 196 condominiums and 435 additional hotel rooms with an increased height of 64 feet. Enter: Protect Captiva Coalition. This group is fighting to do exactly that, protecting Captiva. Protect Captiva is a coalition of businesses, residents, tourists, and organizations on both Captiva and Sanibel, who have come together to oppose this proposal which would make significant changes to the land use policy in both density and height restrictions.

Sanibel and Captiva are known for their beautiful beaches and natural environments that are now being threatened by over-construction that would have devastating effects on the wildlife on land and water. Adding almost 3 times the density that is there today would do just that.

Lisa Riordan first visited Captiva more than 40 years ago and has been a Captiva resident since 2012. Lisa currently serves on the Board of Directors for both the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation and the Charitable Foundation of the Islands. Lisa will serve as CFI's Chair beginning January 2025. In 2015, she was also invited to join the Board of Governors of the Captiva Civic Association and served as the President for 3 years before serving as Treasurer. She was appointed to the Captiva Civic Association (CCA) Foundation Board of Governors, the fund-raising vehicle of the Civic Association, in 2017 and continues to serve there as President.

Lisa has been instrumental in organizing the Protect Captiva Coalition as part of her role as President of the CCA Foundation Board of Governors. The Protect Captiva Coalition was established in June 2023 and includes more than 13,000 residents, organizations, and other individuals who are opposed to this shortsighted plan that will forever change the character and safety of Captiva.

Protect Captiva Coalition invites you to join them in the fight against these land use changes. You are encouraged to contact your county commissioner and tell them that you are opposed to these changes. For more information, you can visit their website [protectcaptiva.org](http://protectcaptiva.org).

## Upcoming Events!

**\*\*Luminary – bag and candle set-up  
Friday, Dec 6, 2:30-5:00 Chamber of Commerce**

**\*\*“Funky” Rotary Social - Beach Concert and Fireworks!  
Saturday, Dec. 7th 5:30 ‘Tween Waters, Captiva  
FISH Jog’n’Jam – Bring beach chairs/be ready to dance!  
Tickets can be purchased through the FISH website or  
please contact Maria if you would like a Rotary discount code**

**\*\*Service Project - Our Mother’s Home  
Sunday, Dec. 8th 10-4 2666 Swamp Cabbage Ct. Fort Myers**

**\*\*Holiday Party, Fun & Festivities  
Wednesday, Dec 11, St. Charles Yacht Club  
Holiday Party Tickets Now Available on the website (Sanibelrotary.org)**

**\*\*District Mid-Year Conference, Jan 25, Punta Gorda**

**\*\*RLI & Grant Writing Course, Feb 28, North Port**

## Upcoming Meetings

**\*\*Membership Meeting, Dec 4, 12:00, Bank of the Islands or Zoom**

**\*\*Silent Auction meeting Dec 9th, 4:30-6:00  
9446 Kava Ct RSVP Heather 847-736-7790**

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

## Volunteers Needed!

**Volunteers needed for Luminary set up Friday, Dec 6, 2:30-5:00 Chamber of Commerce**

**Our Mother's Home volunteers needed to build furniture (physical) and organize donations (non-physical) Sunday, Dec. 8th 10-4 2666 Swamp Cabbage Ct. Fort Myers**

**FM South Club is requesting help for a family in downtown FM  
Contact Rachel if you are interested and for more information**

## Announcements!

**The annual meeting to elect our Club board for the 2025-2026 Rotary year will be held December 13th. Any members interested in serving in future years are encouraged to contact John Danner or Barb Ellis of the Nominating Committee.**

**Please send your pictures of any Rotary events to:**

## Attend by Zoom

If you can't attend in person, you can still have breakfast with us!  
Try our new and improved zoom option (with the immersive Owl 360) from 8-9am.  
Just click the link and follow the directions.

Here is the link to connect to zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88513773856>  
Here is the number to connect by phone: (646) 931-3860  
Meeting ID: 885 1377 3856  
Passcode: **955563**



## Membership Categories

### New Membership Categories!

The new membership categories are now found on our website under the Membership tab.

Any members anticipating a change of their membership status to one of these categories should contact John Raho or Rachel Tritaik prior to December 15th.

[Click here for the Membership Tab](#)

## Rotary November Theme



## November is Rotary Foundation Month – Here's why!

Each year, Rotary International highlights November as Rotary Foundation Month to emphasize the importance of and need for Rotarian support of The Rotary Foundation.

Contributions from Rotarians around the world go to the Foundation's Annual Programs Fund, which provides grants and awards through Foundation programs; and the Permanent Fund, an endowment from which only the earnings are spent in support of Foundation programs, ensuring the long term viability of the Foundation.

**Every dollar** contributed by Rotarians funds humanitarian and educational programs and program operations. Clubs and districts apply for and receive Foundation grants to carry out worthy projects worldwide.

If Rotary is to be there to teach children to read, build wells, feed the hungry, care for the sick, shelter the poor; then **every Rotarian is invited and encouraged to support the Annual Fund with a personal contribution, every year.**

### How can I make a gift in support of the Rotary Foundation?

Visit the Rotary International website ([www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)) to make your gift: one time, regular/sustaining (recurring gift at the timing of your choice), to the program area of your choice – all of the information is there for you to choose what would be most meaningful to you.

Or – you can visit [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) and click on The Rotary Foundation for additional information on ways to give, as well as to learn more about how our gifts make a difference around the world. Let's meet the yearly challenge to get 100% participation in the annual fund this year and set the standard for every year to follow!

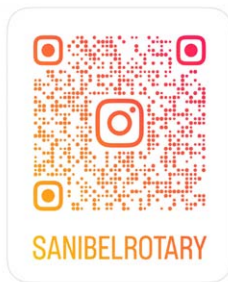
Visit [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) for great information about why your support will make a difference!

## 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

