

# Rotary



# Club of Stuart-Sunrise

## Club Meeting

Stuart-Sunrise  
Meets at Monarch Country  
Club  
1801 SW Monarch Club Dr,  
Palm City, FL  
Palm City, FL 34990  
Time: Thursday at 07:30  
AM

## Speakers

## Birthdays

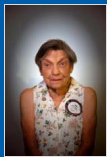


John/Jack  
Langhorne Jr.  
January 21st



Victor Simonsen  
February 7th

## Club Member Anniversaries



Jane M. Mills  
01-19-2012  
9 Years



Larry Lavargna  
01-19-2012  
9 Years



Michael L  
Costopoulos  
02-01-2015  
6 Years



Robert J Wesch  
Jr.  
02-02-2018  
3 Years



John Robitaille  
01-10-2019  
2 Years

Thomas Davies  
01-17-2019  
2 Years

## Rotary News for January 7, 2021

By David Shoaf

Pledge was led by Dr. Jason Davis and the prayer was offered by Sue W.

Breakfast was served by Kathy. She also thanked us for her Christmas gift and continued her support for the New York Jets.

### Scholarship Committee Report

Gene VanCuren reported on the scholarship applications for our Spring Awards. We plan on awarding three 2-year scholarships of \$2400 each year.

Gene said that the applications have been quite limited. The Scholarship Committee will begin reading the applications this month and undertake the interviews later this month.

Gene read a letter from one last year's winners. He is now a student at USF and the impact of Covid on his education. Nine hours daily of on-line viewing became the norm. Viewing and reviewing lectures seemed to double or triple the time required compared to the usual classroom lecture.

He lived in a dorm with other STEM focused students. He learned a lot from one another (socially distanced) and they were able to help each other out as they struggled with chemistry, calculus or borrowing a can opener.

### Club Administration

We will continue to meet every other week until the end of June. Treasurer HB distributed semi-annual bills for the rest of the year.

The format of our Rotary dues has changed. Club dues are now being invoiced to align with RI and District 6930 dues. The club assessment of \$80 on your bill is to cover six months of operating account expenses. We will still pay \$15 for meals at the door at each meeting. Any questions can be directed to HB at 772-247-7504 or [hbarrett@bellsouth.net/](mailto:hbarrett@bellsouth.net)

### Barn Theatre Tickets

Hap and Jane gave the club 3 tickets to next Thursday's performance. The High Bid of \$20 is still open. If you want to bid higher contact President Jason.

### New Members!

Kathy Lockhart inducted Tom and Beth Brownell as transfer members from Burnt Hill Ballston Lake Rotary Club in New York State.

They have relocated to Legacy Cove in Stuart and are looking forward to helping our community through Rotary. Beth is a retired physician's assistant who worked in drug and alcohol rehabilitation. She served as president in her former club. Tom also served in numerous posts in the old club.

Please welcome them!



### Volunteer Efforts

December was a busy month for Rotarians in the community.

We volunteered at the Toys for Tots and United Way Christmas efforts.

We raised over \$1500 with our bell ringing for the Salvation Army (Our Bell Ringers even made the District newsletter this month.)

The CART fund has raised over \$209,000 for Alzheimer's research this year.

A beach cleanup and other activities are planned for this quarter.

Board meeting will be held at Dr. Davis Eye Care at 12:30. Date will be announced shortly.

Let Jason know about your volunteer hours spent in the community over the last quarter. He will pass those hours on to the county coordinator.

### Happy and Sad

Sergeant-at-Arms Sue recruited husband Tom to assist with the collection of dollars for the club coffers. Gene had a check for 56 years of marriage. Reminded us that being the last event in the church at Christmas meant a bounty of flowers from all the services. We had birthday checks as well as sports \$. Thom Davies had bucks for the American Junior Hockey Team winning the world championship AND the beginning of Hockey Season again next week! Other sports dollars included the LA Rams in the playoffs and the Buffalo Bills as well. There were happy bucks for the time spent with family during the holidays. Sad dollars included the loss of friends to age and Covid during the last month.



## Tom Talks Sales and Our Community

Tom described his success this past year with Manatee Pocket Boat Sales. They sold over 100 boats in 2020 alone! Tom was born to sell and he has proven it with employers including Armco Steel, Hewlett

Packard and helped lead many community organizations. He has been active in the Marine Industries Association locally since opening his business and said the tenets of Rotary have helped him ♦ Do the Right Thing ♦ in his networking with clients throughout the country. The firm has sold boats throughout the country and is participating in next week's boat show event on the St. Lucie River ♦ a major economic driver for the county.

Tom said that Butch and Jan Bayley have been key to the success of the business and they both keep in mind that their actions are based on the premise ♦ ♦ Is it fair to all concerned ♦.

Check out the firm's website at [www.ManateePocketYachtSales.com](http://www.ManateePocketYachtSales.com).



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## 50-50

**50-50** was sold by Hap Mills and won by our new member Beth Brownell!

See you at Monarch on January 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 a.m.

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