

# Rotary



## Club of Stuart-Sunrise

### Club Meeting

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

### Speakers

**July 08, 2021**  
[Installation of  
New Officers](#)

**July 29, 2021**  
[Shawn Keil](#)  
Boys & Girls Club

### Birthdays



Arthur  
C. Mills  
III  
July 8th



Beth  
Brownell  
July 8th



Kathy  
Durrell  
Lockhart  
July  
19th

### Club Member Anniversaries



David  
Shoaf  
08-01-  
1997  
24  
Years



Mary Jo  
Horton  
07-29-  
2004  
17  
Years



Kathy  
Durrell  
Lockhart  
08-01-

## Rotary News for July 1, 2021

By David Shoaf

Pledge was led by President Jason and prayer was offered by Sue.

### Guests

Rotarians and guests today included Dave Geller (Key West), Greg Bialek, Justin Madigan, Scholarship Winner Gregory DeLaski and Scarlett Barron.

### Calendar

July 8<sup>th</sup> **NO** morning meeting at Monarch. The Installation and reception will be held at the Elliott Museum on Hutchinson Island from 5:30 to 7. Spouses/S.O. invited. Signup sheet circulated.

July 15<sup>th</sup> District Governor will visit the club at Monarch!

### Happy and Sad

There were lots of Happy Bucks (and a standing ovation) for President Jason and the great job he did leading us over the last year. He was also awarded the Rotary Olympic Award for his achievements by our Sergeant-at-Arms Sue.

### Have a wonderful 4<sup>th</sup> of July!

## Ak-Tenamit Update and Global Grant

By David Shoaf

Dave Shoaf spoke about Ak-Tenamit School that has been a district and club effort since 1992. He showed a video Rotary has produced about the facility and its students and graduates. This year there will be 182 graduates with vocational high school degrees in Community Development and Sustainable Tourism.



The District 6930 Global Grant Project was officially kicked off at our recent District Conference. District 6930 clubs will be raising the money for, and then helping to construct, a sanitary facility for the new campus for Ak-Tenamit, in the town of Rio Dulce. Cost for equipment and construction materials is \$58,000. The clubs and district hope to raise the funds by November. The Global Grant will provide \$27,000.

Jim Sisserson is chairing the project for the district. The following note is from Jim.

"Ak-Tenamit is a school for indigenous children in the jungle of eastern Guatemala that was founded by Steve Dudenhoefer, the son of a Rotarian in our District in 1992. Steve, also a Rotarian, created a rural appropriate educational system which has received international acclaim. Ak-Tenamit has developed agricultural, sustainable tourism and community development programs which are highly prized by young people who formerly did not have an opportunity for education beyond the 6<sup>th</sup> grade. The school has grown from 155 middle school students in 2001 to over 800 junior/senior high students in 2021, 46% of whom are girls. Rotarians and clubs in District 6930 have supported Ak-Tenamit in various ways for over 20 years. Rotary International has produced a short film about Ak-Tenamit, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m8L3gN-MlxA>. Ak-Tenamit's website is [www.thegtfund.org](http://www.thegtfund.org)."

2013  
8 Years



Michael  
Donnelly  
07-01-  
2015  
6 Years



HB  
Barrett  
07-27-  
2017  
4 Years



District 6930 Rotarians have a rare opportunity to work side by side with the students who will benefit from our Global Grant project. The project will have meaningful jobs for people of all physical capabilities. You will also visit the main campus by boat via the Rio Dulce River, a beautiful, popular eco-tourist stop for cruise ships in the Gulf. You will eat in one of the restaurants wholly operated by the students. You will also visit a village which is served by Ak ♦ Tenamit.

The project site is Rio Dulce, a small town in eastern Guatemala on the Rio Dulce River. The site of the new campus is near the town. Comfortable accommodations and reliable restaurants are available.

February 6-13, 2022 and February 20-27, 2022 are the dates for team visits. There is a maximum of 20 people per team per week. Each person will make their own flight arrangements. A non-stop flight from Miami, AA 2241 departing at 10:30 AM, will be the official flight. It arrives in Guatemala City at 12:23 PM, which allows travel to Rio Dulce the same day, a 4-5 hours trip. The current airfare cost is around \$400. In country transportation and housing will be arranged. Including a food allowance, the total cost including air fare should be around \$1,500 for double occupancy and \$1,750 for single occupancy. The official return flight is AA2117, departing Guatemala City at 2:45 PM, arriving in Miami at 6 PM.

You may choose to go early or stay after the official dates. Team transportation will be as described to and from Guatemala City. Antigua, about an hour away from Guatemala City, is a city in the central highlands of Guatemala known for its preserved Spanish Baroque-influenced architecture as well as a number of ruins of colonial churches. It has been designated a UNESCO World Heritage site. If you would like to extend your stay by 1 day to visit Antigua, please let me know in your reservation response. This will cost extra, probably less than \$200. If there is enough interest, group arrangements will be made.

Guatemala is open for travel. The CDC guidelines are changing rapidly, so what exactly will be required in February 2022 is unknown. Full Covid vaccination would be recommended for all. Contact your local health department or health care provider for what other shots you may need.

The teams will be filled on a first come, first served basis. You do not have to be a Rotarian to participate. Spouses, friends, older children are welcome. A deposit of \$100 will be required to hold each place. Please notify Jim by e-mail, [nosressis@aol.com](mailto:nosressis@aol.com), as soon as possible of your intent to go, and send him a check, payable to The Guatemala Tomorrow Fund, at 1401 Republic Place, Melbourne, FL 32940.

This is a unique chance to see Rotary in action that could be life changing. Please give it serious consideration. ♦

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**Rolled over for another week.**

**See you Thursday at the Elliott for the installation of our new officers for 2021-22:**

**Chris Shoaf ♦ President**  
**Robert Wesch ♦ President Elect**  
**HB Barrett - Treasurer**  
**John Robitaille ♦ Secretary**  
**Jason Davis ♦ Past President!**

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## District 6930 Tip of the Month



### **SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES**

Please be aware that Rotary International is strongly promoting the use of the newer brand. These can be found by logging into My Rotary and going to the Rotary Brand Center. The Handbook can be downloaded [HERE](#).

Lastly, now is the time to be sure your club's website and social media pages are updated and that more than one person in your club knows the login and passwords.

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### **Welcome to the new Rotary Year!**

As newsletter editor, I want to offer all clubs an opportunity to appear in the monthly district newsletter. Usually I find items from clubs' Facebook pages, but there are some clubs who send me items directly. If you wish, please send me the article, and a separate JPEG by the 25th of the month... send to [jomeaker51@gmail.com](mailto:jomeaker51@gmail.com).

As the District's public image chair for 2021-22, I offer my services to you. If you are in need of a logo, suggestions, ideas, please don't hesitate to ask. During the last six months I've been sending logos to you, but moving forward I won't be doing that unless you ask.