

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 22, 2021

Club Assembly

July 29, 2021

Shawn Keil

Boys & Girls Club

Birthdays



Thomas Davies
August 15th

Club Member Anniversaries



David Shoaf
08-01-1997
24 Years



Mary Jo Horton
07-29-2004
17 Years



Kathy Durrell
Lockhart
08-01-2013
8 Years



HB Barrett
07-27-2017
4 Years

Rotary News for July 15, 2021

By David Shoaf

President Chris opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Sue offered the prayer. Twenty-eight members and guests joined us for the first meeting of the 2021-22 Rotary Year.

Guests included Dave Geller, Paola Villarreal, JD DeChabert, Shannon Sumners, Justin Madigan and wife Val, and Dr. Greg. Bring a friend next Thursday!

Congratulations to Beth Brownell awarded ♦Rookie of the Year♦ and HB Barrett for ♦Rotarian of the Year♦.

Happy and Sad

Bob Swan had a happy to be home buck and a sad buck for the person who ran into his RV on the trip. Kathy had a ♦healthy♦ buck. Dave Geller was happy to be at Rotary instead of hanging drapes; HBi s back from Maine and Gene took his family of 11 to Iceland for the Summer solstice. Rex is taking his family to Callaway Gardens for a week, Jack had a wonderful time on the first cruise out of Miami, Michael♦s kids had such a good time at Dad♦s they overstayed. Dr. Jason was just happy!

Calendar

July 22nd Club Assembly

July 29th Boys and Girls Club update.

August 21st Golf Classic for Scholarships

District Governor Kicks Off New Year

By David Shoaf

We were joined at breakfast by Michael Walstrom, District 6930 Governor.



Michael is a 6 year veteran of Rotary joining the Boca Raton Downtown Club in 2015. He is a graduate of UCLA and holds an MBA from Nova Southeastern University. His classification is Financial Advisor.

He described the RI President Shekhar Mehta as a man who believes he **◆**serves to change lives **◆**. He wants us to grow our Rotary Membership and to focus on Empowering Girls. Learn more about this amazing leader in the July Rotary magazine.

Michael has assembled a district team to support our club goals and priorities for our communities and to provide the vision, focus and action with his high energy, and leadership skills.

Global Grant for Ak-Tenamit

The District is working to create and furnish a computer education facility at the high school campus in Guatemala. A budget of \$58,000 has been raised to achieve this from District Clubs and RI. There will be 2 groups of 20 who travel to Guatemala in February to spend a week building this facility. If you would like to participate contact Dave Shoaf in our club or Jim Sisserson at the district.

Youth, Peace, and Action

Develop quality peace projects through youth service clubs, scaled with technology and supported by Rotary Club leadership in local communities. This could include online peace Education Certification for up to 50 high school service clubs and 2,000 students.

This activity will include the Governor **◆**s Walk for Peace in January 8th-15th. DG Michael will walk the length of the District from Titusville to Boca Raton and you can join him! The 188 mile walk will help Rotarians, Students and friends support our efforts for peace. (Start training now!)

More info in an upcoming program from Sandy Burkart, District Peace Chair.

DG Michael reminded us that Membership and Service are keys to improving your life. He urged us all to expect change for the better in our lives when we **◆**Serve to Change Lives **◆**.

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District News



Meet our new District Governor, Michael Walstrom

Michael Walstrom has been a Rotarian since 2014 and is a member of the Rotary Club Boca Raton Downtown. He is a Benefactor, Paul Harris Society member and Major Donor. Michael served as President of his Rotary Club in 2018-2019 and will be serving as District 6930 District Governor in 2021-2022. During his years of service he has been named *Rotarian of the Year*, and received both *Club of the Year* and the *Governor's Citation* for his club, as well as the *Rotary Presidential Citation* with Platinum Distinction. Michael takes pride in having led his club to 100% Paul Harris recognition, creating a perpetual endowment to fund Global Grants, and creating a Young Professional Membership Development program that was featured in both *Rotary Voices* and *Rotary Leader*.

Michael is a co-founder of Aequus Partners, an independent financial planning firm based in Boca Raton, Florida. He lives in Boynton Beach, Florida with his wife, Laura, and their two children, Henry and Daphne.

Michael's Message:

My friends and fellow Rotarians,

In 1982 the Rotary International Board set forth the goal to immunize every child in the world against the devastating disease of Polio. At the time there were a quarter of a million US citizens permanently paralyzed by Polio, some 350,000 new cases striking citizens of every nation each year, and between ten and twenty million Polio survivors worldwide. Never had such an audacious goal been set by any organization, nor one that would have as sweeping an effect on every man, woman, and child on the planet. Rotarians took up this cause with unmatched enthusiasm, raising hundreds of millions of dollars and partnering with the World Health Organization, UNICEF, the CDC, and now The Gates Foundation. Then, as only Rotarians do, they went *themselves* to every corner of the globe, to vast cities and the smallest villages, into jungles and war zones, to administer the life-saving vaccine into the very mouths of children, two drops at a time. This feat was nothing short of astounding and changed our world forever. That is Rotary: Vision, Focus, and *Action* in service of humanity.

This past year we were confronted by another devastating disease, the Global pandemic of COVID-19. Rotary faced strains on fundraising and stresses on membership while working to uphold its commitment and legacy to serve humanity when in need. Through these trials we have emerged stronger, with new tools and capabilities to reach out and come together. Now is the time to draw upon our history, as a well of strength, then surge ahead, setting out at a sprint to meet new goals of membership development and service. It is time for us to demonstrate our energy and our value, to be OBSESSED!

This year let us think like those Rotarians in 1982; audacious, with vision and focus, taking action and do what was never before conceived. Let us seek to change the world and serve our neighbor. Let us revel in fellowship, creating essential and addictive club experiences so that members and guests alike cannot wait to get through the door each week!

I m OBSESSED and I m just getting started! Will you join me?

Michael F. Walstrom
District Governor

District 6930 Global Grant for Ak'Tenamit

Governor Michael officially launched the District 6930 Global Grant Project for Ak'Tenamit at the District Conference on May 22. The concept is for all 6930 clubs to join together in a significant international project that offers opportunities for hands on participation in the project by District 6930 Rotarians of all levels of physical capabilities, at a reasonable cost, with adequate accommodations and meaningful interaction with the project beneficiaries.

Ak'Tenamit is a school for indigenous children in the jungle of eastern Guatemala that

was founded by the son of a Rotarian in our District in 1992. Using a rural appropriate educational system which has received international acclaim, Ak' Tenamit has developed healthcare, 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 6th 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. Rotary International has produced a film about Ak' Tenamit, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m8L3gN-MIxA>. Ak' Tenamit's web site is www.thegtfund.org if you want to learn more.

The current school campus cannot serve the many young people who want to attend. Because of this, Ak' Tenamit is going to build a second campus about an hour away from the main campus. Our District Project will be to raise the money for and build a solar powered sanitary facility for the new campus.

The cost of construction of the sanitary facility with solar power will be \$58,000. We will apply for a Global Grant to include \$15,000 of District Designated Funds and matches from the Rotary Foundation. Under current Rotary Foundation Global Grant funding rules, we need to raise \$31,000 in cash from our clubs. We already have \$16,000 committed, and a number of clubs made pledges of support at the District Conference.

To apply for a Global Grant, we need firm commitments from each club on how much each will contribute. There is no minimum. We hope every club will contribute something. Once you have determined how much you will contribute, please notify Jim Sisserson, nosressis@aol.com, of the amount. Even if your club has made a pledge, please confirm it by e-mail. You do not need to send any cash at this time, but it is necessary to know the commitments for the application **NLT July 31**. You will be notified when and where to send the cash once the grant is approved.

Participation in this project will count towards the Rotary Citation as well as the District Governor's Citation. More importantly, your club will be part our District's combined effort to **♦ Serve to Change Lives ♦**.

Information about joining a team to go to Guatemala and work on the project in February 2022 will follow in a letter to all Rotarians.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Jim Sisserson, Special Projects Czar
321-543-7973

Meet the next RI President, Shekhar Mehta, Rotary Club of Calcutta-Mahanagar, West Bengal, India



Mehta, an accountant, is chair of the Skyline Group, a real estate development company he founded. He is also a director of Operation Eyesight Universal (India), a Canada-based organization. He has been actively involved in disaster response and is a trustee of ShelterBox, UK. After the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami, he helped build nearly 500 homes for families affected by the disaster. He pioneered a program that has performed more than 1,500 life-changing heart surgeries in South Asia. He is also the architect of the TEACH Program, which promotes literacy throughout India and has reached thousands of schools. A Rotary member since 1984, Mehta has served Rotary as director, member or chair of several committees, zone coordinator, training leader, member of The Rotary Foundation Cadre of Technical Advisers, and district governor. He is also the chair of Rotary Foundation (India) and has received Rotary's Service Above Self Award and The Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Awards. He and his

wife, Rashi, are Major Donors and members of the Bequest Society.

Presidential Initiatives from Shekhar Mehta

Equality is a fundamental human right, and it's necessary for a peaceful, prosperous, and sustainable world. Still, girls and women worldwide face inequities in areas including health and education and experience significant violence and disproportionate poverty. Rotary encourages clubs and districts to prioritize projects that improve the health, well-being, education, and economic security of girls in their communities and around the world. Take on a club-based initiative, a district grant, or a global grant that engages members of your community in a project that will protect and empower

girls and increase equity by ensuring their access to resources that will improve their lives.

Host a Rotary Day of Service: a meaningful day of hands-on service activities where Rotary members and the community come together to improve their community. For details go [HERE](#).

Plan to attend a Presidential Conference. The 2021-22 presidential conference series will highlight the humanitarian work that Rotary clubs and districts pioneer locally and support globally.

- 4-5 October 2021 ♦ Gyeongju, Korea
- [5-7 November 2021 ♦ Venice, Italy](#)
- [26-27 November 2021 ♦ Manila, Philippines](#)
- 4-6 February 2022 ♦ Hyderabad, India
- 12-13 February 2022 ♦ Foz do Igua♦u, Brazil
- [4-5 March 2022 ♦ Maputo, Mozambique](#)
- 3-4 June 2022 ♦ Houston, Texas, USA

Club Citations to Pursue:

There are three Citations that clubs can strive to achieve during this Rotary Year. Click on each one below to see details.

1. The Rotary Citation > go [HERE](#)
 2. The District 6930 Governor's Citation > go [HERE](#)
 3. The Zone 34 Public Image Citation > go [HERE](#)
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