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Stuart Rotary Club Inc.

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P.O. Box 81, Stuart, FL. 34995– stuartrotaryclub.com - District 6930

President's Message June 19, 2019

Stuart
The Dolphin Bar & Shrimp House
Wednesday at 12:00 PM

WRESTLING WITH ROTARY'S IDENTITY IN A CHANGING SOCIETY BY, BRUCE IRWIN, PRESIDENT

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With declining memberships in United States Rotary Clubs, Rotary is frantically trying to find new ways to enlist and to keep people in Rotary. Over the last several decades, I have seen the same fear of decline overcome the Church both locally and nationally. Fear of decline and self-incrimination becomes a self-fulfilling prophesy. Many Rotary Clubs want to become as large as they remember themselves to have been or larger and more vital than the other service clubs in a town. Basing decisions for growth on what we think other people will want and accepting the lowest common denominator because of fear of decline rarely works and almost always speeds the decline.

Rotary does not need to be all things to all people! Rotary began with just four people. The concept is what made Rotary become the strongest most well-respected membership organization in the world. Early Rotary was about inviting the best top leaders, one from each occupation, to live out the principles of **Service Above Self** in their businesses and professions as well as their lives.

Notice Rotary is not a **Service Club**! Rotary is a **Membership Club** that does **Service**. We are competing on the wrong field of play if our identity is to compete against service clubs that do primarily local projects. Only Rotary has a

William Michaud
June 26th
Michael H McBride
June 28th

Michael H McBride
June 20th
Vincent J Cerniglia
June 29th
Ernest James Fogel
July 13th

Elizabeth Plasket
08-27-2008
11 Years
Mahendra R Sheth
09-02-2015
4 Years
Ernest James Fogel
08-24-2016
3 Years

worldwide international reach. Rotary has human and financial resources, which far, far outpace other organizations, to serve communities in every corner of the world. We, at our Stuart Rotary Club, are even thinking about involving Rotary Clubs from other countries in an International Global Grant which would benefit Martin County. Rotary as an International organization is a very important part of our identity.

Rotary is not about hoping that someone, anyone, will join. As mentioned above, traditionally a Rotarian has to ask you to become a Rotarian. Rotarians are to go to the offices of respected leaders in a community, explaining Rotary, and offering membership. Rotary grew because people knew it was an honor to join Rotary. Selectivity has been part of the identity of Rotary, which can help define us even in these days of changing economics and the domination of national and international businesses within the community structure.

Another foundation principle which formed Rotary's identity originally and which can continue to strengthen Rotary's identity is classification. Although society has and is changing, people still like prestige and still like the confidentiality of not needing to play gamesmanship with competitors. Leaders need a safe environment where they can speak freely with other leaders as we all work together to help address community problems. Rotarians do this recognition-less as everyday behind the scenes they utilize themselves and their businesses and institutions to make a difference in the community and in individual lives. For Rotary, doing service is not just having an event to finance a project; other service clubs can handle that! Rotarians tackle visions that change communities, nations, and the world. As leaders, we have the skills to do great things like eliminate Polio from the world!

In a changing world, people from every generation are looking for a movement with a clear identity that does significant change. Leaders lead, and even today within our changing society, other Stuart community leaders will be honored to be Rotarians.

2019 Installation Banquet

June 29, 2019 @ 5:30 pm

Marriott Resort at Hutchinson Island Resort

GIVING THANKS BUFFET DINNER (All Trimmings For A Thanksgiving Celebration)

Only **\$35 Per Person**

Reservations A Must. SIGN UP at Wednesday's Lunch Meeting or Call Dave Bigler or Faye Flack.

Josh the Baby Otter Water Safety Program

By Kathleen Crum and Christine M. Moreno

The "Josh the Baby Otter" Water Safety Program is designed to keep children safe around the water and to prevent accidental drowning of children, which is the #1 cause of accidental death in children under the age of 5 years old, and the second leading cause of death in children under the age of 14 (second only to the #1 cause: car accidents).

Beginning in early childhood, water safety education teaching children that they should **NEVER BE AROUND THE WATER WITHOUT AN ADULT** can help save lives. The children's book, Josh the Baby Otter, is a story about a young otter who learns to float on his back in the water by being taught by his mother. He also is never in or near the water without his mother or a buddy. Joshua's Foundation provides every child with a Josh the Baby Otter coloring book and sticker, to further reinforce this water safety message and remind the children of what they learned from Josh.

Led by Christine Moreno, our Stuart Rotary Club members are **introducing the Josh the Baby Otter Water Safety Program to area children under the age of 6 at our local public libraries.** To learn more about the Josh the Baby Otter Water Safety Program please visit the Joshua Collingsworth Memorial Foundation's website at <https://joshtheotter.org>; or, contact Christine Moreno at (772) 485-6767 or Moreno4Law@Gmail.Com.



Table/Greeter Schedule

August 15, 2018--- Table: Pat Tobin Greeter: Lynette Trout
August 22, 2018---Table: Howard Meister Greeter: Jack Tartamella
August 29, 2018--- Table: Dave Albers Greeter: Joyce Tartamella
September 5, 2018--Table: Chris Sigler Greeter: Tom Graves

The Sign-Up sheet to help at the registration table or to be a greeter is at the front table. Please sign up for September and October.
