



THE SUNRISE CIRCUIT

Newsletter of the
Stuart Sunrise Rotary Club, Florida



Minutes of November 12, 2009 meeting

50-50: Jim Horstman (substituting for Cory Pantelakis)
Pledge: Steve Dillemath
Prayer: Beth Guild

President Rocco called the meeting to order at 7:30 AM. President Rocco, with short notice, asked that Ray Robison do the Vocational Spotlight this morning. Ray obliged with a quick and no nonsense bio that among other things told us that he received a degree from Case-Western in Pittsburg, Pa. A link to their website follows: <http://www.case.edu/> Ray spoke about his love of detail especially with regard to tax acts and accounting.

Thank you letters were received from Challenger School, Crystal lake Elementary and Citrus Grove. In fact I saw the principal of Crystal lake while shopping this evening. Mrs. Xenobia Poitier-Anderson and I spoke about the dictionary program. She mentioned that because her school was not a Title 1 school, their budget for things like that are nil. She was most appreciative of our efforts.

President Rocco: mentioned that the storage closet was requested to be cleaned up. Evidently it is a hazard much like Fibber Magee's closet of yesterday.

Audrey Ballantyne: reported that when she was at the Stuart Community school and presented the money collected last week the principal and 2 teachers cried. They couldn't believe that our organization would help in this way. Way to go members.

Sergeant-At-Arms: Tom Whittington stepped up to the plate and did a terrific job substituting for Diane Scott. Must have been another bad hair day for Diane. Tom's resonating voice had to be controlled electronically.

Guest Speaker: Our own Dr. Pelligrino Tozzo was the guest speaker today. Dr. Tozzo, an almost retired urologist, shared the new DVD produced by V.I.M. (Volunteers In Medicine) Bill gave a very concise overview of their operation here in Stuart. His clinic has gained national recognition for the excellent work covering the medical care needs for the indigent of Martin County. The link to their website is : <http://www.vimclinic.net/> Take the time to peruse the site. You will then understand what a great job all the volunteers do at the clinic.

The clinic has over 1,000 active patients and sees over 40 per day at its building on Balboa Street. For the last fiscal year the clinic had a total of 12,573 patient visits, compared to 8,670 last year. You can see the 45% rise at a time when the economy is at it's worst.

Something Dr. bill didn't tell us is that VIM in 2008 partnered with Florida State Univ. School of medicine to become a teaching venue for third year medical students.

The annual budget of over \$590,000 provides over \$6 million in medical care.- for very dollar donated, over \$10 worth of services are provided. The Annual Gala provides 50% of the annual operating budget.

The drawing for the 50-50 was held and the \$ total for today is \$ 547.00. The winner was Charles Mory and Charles picked the ACE OF SPADES and he is the first winner using the new format. I think most will agree that building the pot increases the interest and should continue.