

Thursday May 27, 2010

<u>President Rocco Fiore</u>: rang the bell at 7:30AM for a prompt start to this mornings meeting. The sale of 50-50 tickets was handled by Dave Shoaf. The pledge was led by Gene VanCuren and the prayer was read by Ed Vossen. Ed had trouble with a word that everyone agreed they had not seen before, a typo perhaps? Ed mentioned that members should remember Dr. Rafael Castro and his struggle with illness.

President Rocco reminded members about our family outing scheduled for June 11th. An ecological trip on our local waters leaving the Finz Restaurant dock around 5:30PM. Dress accordingly as it can get cool on the water especially if there is a wind. The link is: http://www.sunshinewildlifetours.com/. The noon club is celebrating their 80th Anniversary on June 9th at noon at the Harbouridge Marina on the north side of the river in downtown Stuart. The link to that facility is: http://www.harborageyachtclub.com/.

President Rocco mentioned that it might be time to look into the Lyric Theatre and have another night like we had last fall. The new lineup was released this week and I will peruse the schedule to see what show might be appropriate for the masses. Incidentally, the club raised approximately \$2440.00 from this event.

Bob Swan presented Rhonda Werner-Schultz with a nicely framed photo grouping of her newly expanded family. Nice job Judy and Bob.

Jack Langhorne commented on the trash cleanup on Mapp Road and he figured that the waste stream was about 80 #'s of trash per mile. Interesting

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statistic Jack. Didn't know you were a waste management expert! John Gonzalez, Sergeant-at-arms noted that there were no visiting Rotarians this morning. In fact attendance was very light, looks like the summer season has arrived. The one guest was our speaker for today, Jim Vojscik of the United Way of Martin County.

Jim went over the past two years and gave a rundown on the struggle that local agencies are experiencing due to large increase in the number of citizens they serve. For instance the House of Hope has a 50% increase over last year. VIM has a 45% increase. 4 C's is experiencing a 25% increase. This increased pressure has strained these institutions and there is a constant need to support our local organizations. 53,000, which represents almost 50% of the seniors in our area are depending on these organizations. \$3,150,000 a 4% increase over last year was raised by United Way. For more information about the United Way and the many organizations it supports go to:



http://www.unitedwaymartincounty.org/

The 50-50 pot was \$25.00 and the winner was none other than John Gonzalez