

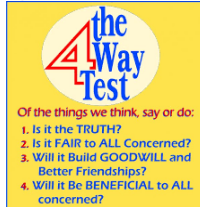


THE SUNRISE CIRCUIT

Newsletter of the
Stuart Sunrise Rotary Club, Florida



Meeting of March 10, 2011



Rotary clubs do not make communities - Rotary clubs make communities better.

President Jamie opened the meeting at 7:30AM

50-50: Jack Langhorne

Pledge: Bill Tozzo

Prayer: Rusty Brink

Gene Van Curen: At this time of year when the committee for scholarships interviews applicants, Gene reads the cover letter submitted by the students. Today's was from a young woman who is blind. She will be going to Flagler College which we were told by John Gonzalez has a school for Deaf and Blind that is 2nd to none in the country.

Joe DeFronzo: announced that badges have been resorted and care should be taken in placing your badges back in the badge box after the meeting.

President Jamie asked Harry Lerch to come forward so that he could receive his new badge. President Jamie also announced that Rex Sentell will have a ground-breaking ceremony on Friday at 5:00PM. I'll bet that Rotarian Rex never thought the day would finally come.

Occupational Minute : was taken by Meg Rogers. Meg explained that she was a Business Consultant and got into the field after realizing how difficult it was for a start up company to actually start up.

Jack Langhorne: Gave his weekly update on the Rotary Foundation. Past Rotary International President, Cliff Dochterman (1992-93) recently said that to describe a Paul Harris Fellowship only in terms of "exceptional service" disregards the historical background of Rotary's appreciation for each generous contribution to The Foundation.

In 1956, the total contributions to the Foundation were only \$496,000. As a way of "jump starting" contributions, the Trustees came up with the idea of rewarding each Rotarian who donated \$1,000 a Paul Harris Fellowship as a way to encourage Rotarians to give "big money"? Jack asked Butch Bayley to come up to receive his new Foundation pin, with one sapphire; signifying his total gift of \$2,000. Thank you Butch.

Kay Deerman: chair of the RYLA committee announced that RYLA will be taking place April 7th-11th. Kay has three applicants and the club budget sponsors two individuals at \$400 each. Kay asked if anyone or a combination of members might help sponsor the third.

Ed Vossen: mentioned that he had been contacted by Amy Christenson of the Elliot Museum. The Elliot's car Show is being held the day after our clubs Rally and the Elliot is looking for some Rotarian members to help serve food and beverage. There are two shifts 9:00-12:00 and 12:00-3:00. Rock and Dave Shoaf have volunteered for the early shift./ beth Guild is also helping and we need a 2nd at least for the 12:00-3:00 shift. The show will be held at the airport, the entrance will be the same one used for the airshow. Please contact me @ edvossen@comcast.net or 772-341-4157. Thanks

John Gonzalez : made a final announcement about the Road Rally that is being held this Saturday. Emails have been sent to registrants telling them starting time. If you haven't received this information, contact John. The start will take place in the defunct super market parking lot on 714 in Palm City and will end at Stuart Aviation located on Aviation Way off Dixie Highway.

TD Bank is being most gracious and will have white table cloths etc. for a bang up catered affair after the Rally starting at 5:30PM. Cost is \$25.00 per person.



John assumed his sergeant-at-arms post. Many happy, sad, sports dollars were collected.

Brenda Gerdes, International Chair: gave an update on all the wonderful things happening with her committee. Great strides have been made with the Sustainable Gardening project and Eddie Nelson was here from Haiti. Eddie brought the mayor of another village that is interested in the project. A funding request is going to International and connections were made with Habitat for Humanity.

Bob Goldberg: introduced Jim Vojcsik, Executive Director of the United Way of Martin County. Website: <http://www.unitedwaymartincounty.org/>

Jim did an exercise with the members present and asked them a series of questions that were asked of 868 Martin County residents. Some interesting facts were revealed, not at all what the perception was on many of the issues.

The drawing for the \$39.00 was drawn by Jim and the winner was Rene Scherbaum.