

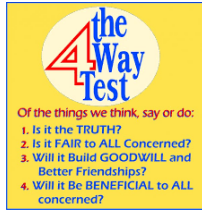


THE SUNRISE CIRCUIT

Newsletter of the
Stuart Sunrise Rotary Club, Florida



Meeting of March 17, 2011
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Rotary clubs do not make communities - Rotary clubs make communities better.

President Jamie opened the meeting at 7:30AM

50-50: Rene Scherbaum

Pledge: Beth Guild

Prayer: Joe DeFronzo

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 a lover of reptiles. The young lady has a 3.7 GPA and suffers from Chronic Fatigue Syndrome. She plans to attend either University of Florida or the University of Central Florida.

Jack Langhorne: Gave his weekly update on the Rotary Foundation. Paul Harris, in his autobiography said: *"The power of Rotary is invisible and yet it performs miracles. The gates of empires have been lifted from their hinges by the power of ideas. Beneath the good works of Rotary there is an invisible power. It is the power of good-will, and by virtue of the power of good-will, Rotary exists."*

John Gonzalez : announced that the 3rd annual Road Rally was a success. This year the club looks to net \$11,000. In 2010 we netted \$8,600 and in the inaugural year we netted \$7,500. Perhaps next year with a bit more effort we can achieve \$14,000. Thanks to all those that help sponsor the event.

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

Bruce Layden and Jake Hicks: were introduced as new members. Jake Hicks transferred from Palm Beach County as he and his family now live in Martin County. Jake came to Florida to attend FIA for his graduate degree.

Sue Whittington: Introduced Maureen Budjinski, publisher of the magazine "Okeechobee, the magazine". Maureen had been a member of the Wellington Rotary Club for 10 years and has been a member of the Okeechobee Club for 5 years. Maureen also published the Penny Saver and Wellington magazines. Her topic today is organ donation. Maureen explained that she lost a sister who was 17 from kidney failure.

There are now approximately 110,599 people waiting for an organ transplant. In 2010, 28,663 recipients obtained organs from 14,502 donors. Some of the myths that she refuted are:

Doctors will let you pass to get your organs.

Transplants do not go by your status.

Sickest go to the top

All major religions consider organ donation a "Final Act of Charity"

The drawing for the \$36.00 was drawn by Maureen and the winner was Rock Fiore.