



## THE SUNRISE CIRCUIT

Newsletter of the  
Stuart Sunrise Rotary Club, Florida



### Meeting of March 3, 2011

President Jamie opened the meeting at 7:30AM

50-50: Reinhard Bruderer

Pledge: Gene Van Curen

Prayer: Keith Charlton (possibly broke the record for the fastest reading of the current prayer)

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 lady whose mother is raising 4 children. Her father passed when she was 8 years old.

Beth Guild: the Rotary Minute for today asked the question- How would you answer the question in one minute "What is Rotary?" Watch this video that tries to explain the answer. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AbLI-vQva30>

Jack Langhorne: Gave his weekly update on the Rotary Foundation. As an update, The Future Vision pilot plan which we mentioned previously has already produced several exceptional global grant projects, according to the March Rotary Foundation newsletter. Launched only 7 months ago with 100 pilot districts. I think you will find it interesting that Rotarians have noted that a challenging aspect of "Future Vision" is that clubs should consider *sustainable*, and *measurable* outcomes when they sponsor a project that will be subject to a Foundation Grant.

For our own club of 55 members, 28 have met the every Rotarian, every year \$100 contribution goal for this Rotary year.

Tom Whittington: and his Community Service branch announced that the next road cleanup will take place on April 2nd with everyone meeting at 8:00AM at TD bank in Palm City. Tom requested that as many members show up as possible as a group photo will be taken in hopes of that being published in the local papers.

Kay Deerman: chair of the RYLA committee announced that RYLA will be taking place April 7th-11th. As of now we have no students enrolled in this wonderful weekend activity. Remember, these are future Rotary leaders. the application is available online at Rotary International.

Ed Vossen: mentioned that he had been contacted by Amy Christenson of the Elliot Museum. The Elliotts 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. It was decided that no beer or wine will be sold due to the conflict of drinking and driving. Volunteers are needed from 9:45 to approximately 3:00PM. I thought that two shifts, the 1st from 10:00AM till 12:30PM and the 2nd from 12:30-3:00PM. [I would like a response from those that would be willing to volunteer. Just email me or call 772-341-4157 to let me know who is willing to help this great car show. I will have a sign up sheet this Thursday.](#)

John Gonzalez : made a final announcement about the Road Rally that is being held March 12th. 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.

Bring last minute auction items to Thursdays meeting so that John's wife can organize the items in packages. **Please NO REGIFTING**



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

President Jamie: announced that the venue for the Rotary Leadership Conference will be in our own back yard. The date is March 19th and the time 9:00-4:00 and will be held at Indian River College Tech Center located at the Salerno Road campus. The drawing for the \$54.00 was drawn by Judy Snyder and the winner was Jack Langhorne.

Sue Whittington: announced that March is Literacy Month. The club has already completed 11 projects for the year. Things like books and DVD's collected for our troops overseas, BookMania, dictionaries for 3rd graders, etc.

**DON'T FORGET APRIL 11, 2011 FROM 11:30AM TO 1:30PM AT HARBOUR RIDGE YACHT AND COUNTRY CLUB, OUR OWN CHARLES BELMONT WILL BE HONORED AND WILL RECEIVE THE 2011 LITERACY VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD.** Cost of tickets is \$75.00. Please contact Dave Shoaf if you plan to attend. Lets have a great show of support for this fine example of a long standing Rotarian.

Sue Whittington: introduced our guest speaker for this morning. Judy Snyder, Library Director for the Martin County Library System. Judy mentioned that on February 22nd, 5,100 items were checked out and over 3,500 people entered our libraries. As Judy said, "Who said the library is a dead institution, not so in Martin County.

The library budget has had a set back of 44% due to the lowering of taxable values of property in Martin County. This week saw the celebration of Dr. Suess and the Cat in the Hat program. 1 year olds are in reading programs, there is a Financial Literacy Project, starting in June 12,000 children will be in a reading program.

More can be found at: [http://www.martin.fl.us/portal/page?\\_pageid=353,1&\\_dad=portal&\\_schema=portal](http://www.martin.fl.us/portal/page?_pageid=353,1&_dad=portal&_schema=portal)

Jane Mills donated two tickets for the Barn Theatre. This raffle was won by Ken Furcron.