



THE SUNRISE CIRCUIT

Newsletter of the
Stuart Sunrise Rotary Club, Florida



MEETING OF May 14, 2011

Pledge was led by Bill Tozzo.

Prayer was led by Scott Simmons.

Announcements

President Jamie thanked David Walker for speaking on careers at Stuart High School last week. School officials were very grateful for the support they received from our Rotary Club.

Bon Jour!

The French Group Study Exchange Team will speak at the meeting next week.

The team is from District 1740 300 miles south of Paris and 200 miles north of the Mediterranean.

Leading the team will be Michel Robert, a human resources manager. The area is mountainous and produces dairy and meat products as well as cereal, wine and fruit. The main cities are Clermont-Ferond and Limoge.

The GSE members are Laetitia Allaman, 25 with Electricite de France, Cyril Dagouret, 30, college computer instructor, Carl Jones, 33, a zoo keeper, and Dominique Serin, 36, an IT manager.

Please make them feel welcome.

Keith Charlton reported that the Tornado Relief team was leaving this weekend and asked that people bring items to take to the tornado victims in Smithsville, Mississippi.

The club will participate with Monarch Country Club in the Community Golf Tournament on Friday, September 30th. Mark your calendars now.

Scholarship Winner

Gene Van Curen introduced Alisha McCoy who was the final winner of our scholarships for this year. Alisha is graduating from South Fork High School where she participated in the Health Service Program as well as Track and Field Team. She received certification as a Nurses Assistant while still in high school. she plans to continue her education at IRSC, then FSU. She hopes to get a Masters Degree to be a Nurse Practitioner.

Rotary Foundation Minute

Jack Langhorne told of how Rotary is making a difference.

Since 1998, the Rotary Club of Ancaster, Ontario, Canada, using \$672,000 in Rotary Foundation humanitarian grants, has built 219 wells bringing clean water to 300,000 people in the Artibonite Valley in Haiti.

Now, we have our own success story right here in the Rotary Club of Stuart Sunrise.

Thanks to Keith Charlton, and 92 of our fellow Rotarians; past and present; our Club has contributed more than \$93,000 to the Rotary Foundation. Jack then presented Keith with his Paul Harris Award.

Vocational Spotlight

Mike Searle discussed the insurance business from the local agent's point of view. He has had his agency for 14 years and tries to provide help to all his clients. He said the firm is writing 25 to 30 policies a month. He is located in Palm City and writes homeowner, auto, umbrella insurance lines as well as investment products.

Bob Goldberg introduced our speaker, Charles Barrowclough, Executive Director of Treasured Lands Foundation. The foundation was set up in 2008 as a non-profit organization to manage and hold properties to assure that the lands will not be developed. It also removes them from the tax rolls as well.

The group also provides management oversight to the Barley Barber Swamp. they operate tours and help maintain this facility for FP&L. They had 3500 visitors to the facility this year.

The group also educates land owners of the tax benefits of using conservative easements to assure that property is not developed.

50-50

Harry Lerch sold the winning ticket to Reinhard!