



## THE SUNRISE CIRCUIT

Newsletter of the  
Stuart Sunrise Rotary Club, Florida



### Stuart-Sunrise Rotary Club Meeting of September 15, 2011 [www.stuart-sunriserotary.com](http://www.stuart-sunriserotary.com)



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

President Sue: opened the meeting at 7:30AM

50-50: Dave "the Rave" Shoaf

Pledge: Bob Goldberg

Prayer: Ellen "The Pastor" Peitz

President Sue announced that Meade Rankin had an episode of arterial fibulation last week. He is OK and has gone thru a procedure to arrest the condition. Meade has identified the cause of the attack - the Georgia Quarterback fumbled the ball and the North Carolina defensive player ran it in for a TD! Sounds like his sense of humor is intact as well!

President Sue apologized to the membership for the aggressive sales pitch made by last weeks program speaker. While the rules of our speakers program were explained to our guest he must have missed something. Sue promised to guard against that happening again.

President Sue announced that she, Meg Rogers, Jim Skeoch and Brenda Gerdes graduated from Rotary Leadership Institued last week

Mystery Rotarian - 22 years in Stuart, Married 19 years, has been in every state in the union (some more than once), and has all traveled around the world - Answer: Mike Searle

Keith Charlton reminded members that foursomes need to be registered for the Club Corp. Classic this September 30th. \$100.00 per player. The best deal in town. \$40 for dinner only visitors. Email Keith if you need a PDF of the flyer/application. Tee sponsors are needed.

Scott Simmons announced that his Sustainable Garden Project in Haiti has finally gained acceptance from the Rotary Club in Haiti. This support is a big step for this program. Scott mentioned that he is also introducing his sustainable garden product to the Samaritan School for Boys. He soon discovered that the boys will need much more than one plant tower to sustain their appetites. He is currently looking for sponsors to donate and support this project at the school. Scott acknowledged our club's support along with the article in Photo Trend Magazine. Scott says he has begun to generate significant business for his inventive and life sustaining products. Scott promised a minimum of \$275 donation to the club for the support & business he has received.

Gary "Road Rally" Damen has decided to step down and retire as chairperson of our Club's Annual Road Rally. John Gonzalez was handed the torch for planning the new route for this year's rally. President Sue and the Club acknowledged Gary for all his work and for bringing this successful fund raiser to our club.

International Service: Pres. Sue announced (on behalf of Bruce Layden, Chairperson) that our club will not be able to support this year's Rotoplast Project in Venezuela, which is sponsored by District 6930. Unfortunately, our club's int'l budget was already in place. Personal donations can be made by contacting Bruce Layden.

Pres. Sue mentioned that this is a big month for Birthday Checks - she submitted hers (all \$21 of it) today. Happy Birthday Sue (tomorrow Friday, Sept 16th) Have a great Birthday Sue!

Bob Goldberg: Sergeant-at-arms, collected happy, sad, and sports dollars. We sang Happy Birthday to Sue.

Guest Speaker: Guest speaker today was introduced by Meg Rogers. Brandy Miller, Business Development Dir. of Muscular Dystrophy Association for Palm Beach and Treasure Coast. With their office in Palm Beach County - MDA raises \$s for children and adults with muscular disease. They run multiple fundraisers annually such as: "Lock up" of Business Execs - only funds from friends will get them released, MDA Labor Day Telethon, MDA Walk, MDA Talent Contest just to name a few. All the funds raised are for the local communities that MDA supports. Club Corp's 200 clubs nationwide have donated millions of dollars to MDA over the years. At MDA, 77% of every \$1 raised goes to the families of MDA patients.

There are approximately 600 families that are supported by MDA locally. MDA holds summer camp each year for patients of neuro-muscular disease. Children get to fish, swim and horse back ride just like any kid at a summer camp. They even get to form great long term bonding relationships with their trained counselors. In this economy, MDA has reached out and has extended additional support to families of neuro-muscular patients as well.

The symptoms of MD is initially hard to notice but the disease progresses over time. There are 43 Neuro-muscular diseases identified and all are genetic. ALS - Lou Gehrig's Disease - once identified in a patient leaves that person with 5 to 10 years of live. ALS unlike MD is not a genetic disease. ALS is a debilitating disease in which the brain functions fine but the patient loses control of their bodily functions. Some liken it to "Being "trapped in your own body". MDA's research is done at Jupiter Medical Center and University of Miami Research Center. Recent research breakthroughs have identified the disease more completely which has led to the slowing down of the disease's progression in patients.

#### Coming events:

Sept 30th- Club Corp Golf Tournament.



January 28th- Lyric Theater, "Bronx Wanderers" <http://www.lyrictheatre.com/show/509-pthe-bronx-wanderersp>

The 50-50 pot was won by Gary "The Road Rally King" Damen. The total was \$34.00

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