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**THE SUNRISE CIRCUIT**  
Newsletter of the  
Stuart Sunrise Rotary Club, Florida



**Stuart-Sunrise Rotary Club  
Meeting of November 15, 2012**

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**“I joined Rotary for Business and Fellowship, I stayed to Change the World”  
*Rotary clubs do not make communities - Rotary clubs make communities better.***

**President Elect Joe Defronzo opened the meeting at 7:30AM with 41 Rotarians present  
Jim Horstman sold the 50-50 tickets; Pledge led by Gene VanCuren; Prayer by Jane Mills  
Canned goods from our members covered an entire table for the House of Hope**

**Pres-Elect Joe announced with pleasure that Brenda Gerdes has agreed to accept the nomination as President-Elect beginning with our next Rotary Year, and the club has received a \$2,000 gift from Morgan-Stanley—Thank you Sue!**

**Other announcements:**

**Steve Dillemath will be presenting the Club's check at the Elliott tomorrow at 4pm**

**Dave Shoaf encouraged members to invite a guest (the first breakfast is free)**

**Brenda Gerdes met with our District's Area Manager and the Royal Palm Beach Rotary club; we will be partnering with them on a sustainable Gardens project in Guatemala.**

**Audrey Ballantyne led a successful vocational Round Table with 8 Rotarians at Stuart High School on Tuesday. These Round Tables will be monthly. Volunteers welcome.**

**Our "Fishbowl" talk was given by John Fedorek, who gave us his CPA's eye view of the coming financial cliff and new taxes, particularly the 3.8% new ObamaCare tax on unearned income for all with incomes in excess of \$250,000. The time to prepare is now.**

**Our Happy and Sad Dollars discussion was led by Rock Fiore, who also introduced visiting Rotarians, Elsie Ruddle from Long Island and David Christie from Concord, N.H.**

**Elmira Gainey said the Big Heart Fund will be distributing Thanksgiving food Wednesday and Thursday at the Witham Airport air show entrance. [e.gainey@bellsouth.net](mailto:e.gainey@bellsouth.net)**

**8-17 year old "Kids Fly Free" at Stuart Jet Center at Witham from 9am – 2pm on Saturday, courtesy of the Young Eagles program. info: [hapmills@earthlink.net](mailto:hapmills@earthlink.net)**

**Our Guest Speaker was Debra McCaughey, Chief, Martin County Fire and Rescue Emergency Management Service Agency, who spoke on emergency preparedness, especially for businesses. Debra became Chief last February after many years as planner for the agency. The agency prepares for all hazards "All Hazards Planning" includes, but is not limited to: hurricane preparedness, wildfires, hazardous materials incidents, severe weather, terrorism, flooding, tornadoes, radiological planning, pandemics and tsunamis. All families and businesses should have plans for potential hazards, based on your location (within the 10 mile ring around the nuclear plant, close to interstates or rail road tracks, etc.; plans should include securing on site and evacuation. All family members or employees should be included in and informed about the plan. Debra gave our pamphlets which are also available on the web. She also encouraged participation in the Martin County Citizen Fire Academy, a six week program on Wednesday evenings, starting Jan.2. For more information, check out:**

**[http://www.martin.fl.us/portal/page?\\_dad=portal&\\_pageid=350,522034&\\_schema=PORTAL](http://www.martin.fl.us/portal/page?_dad=portal&_pageid=350,522034&_schema=PORTAL)**

**Next week is Thanksgiving, and we will have no meeting. Our next meeting is planned for November 29<sup>th</sup>; our speaker is Peggy Ranger of Peggy's Natural Foods.**

**Invite a guest who is interested in natural foods to join us and hear Peggy's talk.**

**Interact is 50!** The very first Interact club, formed here on the treasure coast at Melbourne High School in Melbourne, Florida, joined Interact clubs and their sponsors around the globe in celebrating the program's 50th anniversary last week (World Interact Week, Nov. 5-11). See: [http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/121106\\_news\\_interactru.aspx](http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/121106_news_interactru.aspx)

**The 50-50 pot was won by Reinhard Bruderer**

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