



THE SUNRISE CIRCUIT

Newsletter of the
Stuart Sunrise Rotary Club, Florida



Light Up Rotary!

October 2, 2014

Seven Days to our golf tourney and the "Be a Tourist" raffle next Friday (10/10!)

President Scott Simmons called the meeting to order at 7:30 with 27 present.

Scott gave the Pledge and Jenny Esler gave the prayer.

Jane Mills advised that the Jensen Beach Rotakids met on Wednesday and the 21 members spent the afternoon weeding the gardens at the school. Next meeting will include a road clean-up and the election of Vice President and Secretary. Griffin O'Keefe is president this year.

Larry Lavargna is setting up a meeting for the International Service Committee. (See info below on avenues of service).**

Tom Whittington urged each member to sell just 1 more ticket for the raffle. Sales are going well according to Ticket Czar Rick Zurich. He urged us to get busy and bring the checks in next week! Rick will be selling tickets at the Golf Event.

Happy and Sad

Mike Searle filled in for the vacationing John Gonzalez and collected happy, sad and sports dollars. Mary Jo and Tom Whittington fined for photos, Danielle for her undying allegiance to the Jets, and Tom Keane for his lovely Nike Shower Shoes.

Rex gave a happy buck to be back from Manhattan; Rusty Brink gave his birthday check and others threw into the sports pot.

Gene Van Curen announced the Environmental Studies Center will dedicate their new Turtle center on October 18th. Stop by between 10 and 1 and check it out.

Jamie said that son Niko is being flown to London to try out for a major soccer team!

Rusty and Ken paid late dollars.

Sponsor Speaker

Sue Whittington introduced Amber Woods of Treasure Coast Toyota, one of the sponsors of the "Be a Tourist in Stuart" Raffle.

Amber grew up in the Tampa area where her family had purchased a Dodge dealership in 1988. She worked at many jobs at the dealership during high school. They ranged from receptionist to the car wash line! She attended the U of Central Florida. After getting a degree in Clinical Psychology she headed to New York City to do social work. Her first project was helping middle and high school students through the Leadership Program.

Amber joined the Department of Labor and worked on job placement, assisting people understand the programs that were in place to help. She then joined the Henry St. Settlement – a nonprofit that helped residents with Health and Child Care.

In 2012 she returned to Florida to take over a new role as Executive Administrator at Treasure Coast Toyota and Treasure Coast Lexus. While learning the automobile business through NADA training and more daily involvement with the dealerships, she began shaping a new corporate culture that includes partnering with various service organizations on the Treasure Coast to improve our community.

Amber urged members to check out the new 2015 Camry being released this month. She also said that Lexus will be offering 2 new models in the next six months – a small SUV and a new coupe!

Thanks for supporting our scholarship fundraising, Amber.

50-50 was won by Rex Sentell!

Next Week's speaker is Alex Bringer – Fair Winds Air Charter. Butch will introduce Alex.

**Avenues of Service

We channel our commitment to service at home and abroad through five Avenues of Service, which are the foundation of club activity.

- Club Service focuses on making clubs strong. A thriving club is anchored by strong relationships and an active membership development plan. Chair is Elmira Gainey
- Vocational Service calls on every Rotarian to work with integrity and contribute their expertise to the problems and needs of society. Chair is Jim Taylor.
- Community Service encourages every Rotarian to find ways to improve the quality of life for people in their communities and to serve the public interest. Chair is Mike Searle.
- International Service exemplifies our global reach in promoting peace and understanding. We support this service avenue by sponsoring or volunteering on international projects, seeking partners abroad, and more. Chair is Larry Lavargna.
- Youth Service recognizes the importance of empowering youth and young professionals through leadership development programs such as Rotaract, Interact, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, and Rotary Youth Exchange. Chair is Jane Mills.

Check out www.Rotary6930.org for more info on the 5 lanes.

Please sign up for at least one lane of service by calling one of the chairs or meeting with them next week.