



THE SUNRISE CIRCUIT

Newsletter of the
Stuart Sunrise Rotary Club, Florida

Stuart-Sunrise Rotary News for 10.22.2015

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 by President Jenny Esler.

Pledge was led by Michael Donnelly and the Prayer was given by Harry Pelton.

Announcements

Jenny welcomed guest Rotarians Richard Kjellstrom, James Abarquez and David Dyal of the Stuart Club.

Mapp Road Clean up is this Saturday at the old TD Bank at 8. Scott will lead the effort

Board Meeting for October will follow next week's meeting.

Please let Jenny know of the number of volunteer hours you have given to Rotary and our projects over the last quarter. She is updating our "My Rotary" info.

Rock thanked everyone for the food and other items collected for LAHIA and their homeless clients. They need canned meats, soups, peanut butter, pasta, granola bars and toiletries. For more info go to <http://lahia.org>.

Dictionaries were distributed today to all 3rd graders at Citrus Grove Elementary. Thanks to Rocco, Harry Lerch, Mike Costopolous, Dave Shoaf and Interactor Erika from Clark!

Sergeant at arms John Gonzalez was assisted by Dr. Brian in collecting happy and sad dollars as well as a lot of sports dollars on both sides.

A birthday check was presented by Brenda Gerdes while Paul Salazar urged everyone to bring their change next week to fill the bucket for fighting Polio.

MJ Horton had happy bucks for everyone who had offered congratulations on her recent award. Dr. Rex gave his last \$5 for the completion of his cabin in NC (\$2.50) and for his daughter's wedding next month at Trinity Episcopal Church in Manhattan (his last \$2.50).

Rusty Brink gave happy bucks for a new grandchild, another starting college and one wedding while he was in Vermont this summer.

Tom Keene is heading for the British Virgin Islands for a couple of weeks of sailing. Ellen Peitz his visiting Amsterdam, Brussels and Luxemburg next week. And Sue is excited for James Madison University football being ranked 4th in the nation in their division!

Our condolences to Keith Charlton and Richard Kjellstrom on the passing of their fathers this week.

Ak' Tenamit Update

Steve Dudenhoefer returned to our club for his annual report on the program growth at the Guatemalan Campus of this vocational high school. His efforts have created a long-term solution to provide education, health services and cultural preservation for these young men and women. Working with Rotary and other groups they have established a boarding school for grades 6- 12, a health clinic, 3 restaurant- schools, a handicraft store and bungalows for ecotourism.

Last year 69 students graduated; this October 124 will graduate. Using an internship model, the school has a successful placement rate of over 80%. Students can choose either Sustainable Tourism or Rural Community Development.

Our club has sponsored a student each year and several of our members also sponsor students. Cost per student is just \$365 a year. The club has also funded furniture for the library, dormitories and running water for the school.

International Chair Larry Lavargna is gathering information on the next work trip for Rotarians set in early January. The plan is to build a new facility for the girl's dorm including solar power for hot water and lighting for the students. Contact Larry if you would like to participate.

For more information www.aktanamit.org. To sponsor a student or support the Guatemalan Tomorrow Fund's efforts visit www.guatfund.org.

50-50 was \$30 dollars; sold by Chris Shoaf and won by Vic Simonsen.

Dave Shoaf, editor



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