



THE SUNRISE CIRCUIT

Newsletter of the
Stuart Sunrise Rotary Club, Florida

Stuart-Sunrise News for October 29, 2015

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 by President Jenny. Audrey Ballentyne led the Pledge and Harry Lerch gave the invocation. Deb Kohuth, our honorary member, gave an update on the activities underway with the new Interact Club at Clark. 20 to 22 members have been attending the Monday Noon meetings. Officers have been elected and Anya Rogers is president, Erika Holme is VP and President Elect and Adrianna Mancini is Secretary/ Treasurer. Members have been helping with the Dictionary distribution as their schedules permit. The club is coordinating an essay contest with Martin County 3rd graders using the dictionaries. Barnes and Noble is involved in the judging and will be posting the essays dealing with holiday themes. The students are gathering clothes for families in Guatemala; creating a school video about Clark and Interact; and raising money for their "Change for Change" program supporting local charities.

Paul Salazar announced that members had donated over \$500 for the Polio campaign in October. Thanks to Paul for his hard work and heavy lifting of his bucket at each meeting during the month!

Scott thanked the members who helped with the quarterly Mapp Road cleanup. One of the Road Cleanup Team members found some coins along the road and Gene Van Curen dug them out of the dirt and brought them to the meeting to be added to the fight against polio.

NEW Member!

David Guizerix was welcomed into the club today. He is a native of Picayune, Louisiana where his father and grandfather were Rotarians. David lived in the Boynton Beach area in the 90's and met his wife while there. They moved back to Picayune and he worked in the family business. They have 4 children – all in college now – and live in Palm City. His classification is Restoration & Cleaning and he is the General Manager of Rainbow International Restoration and Cleaning. Update your directories with his phone number 772-232-7422. His email is David.Guizerix@mail.rainbowintl.com.

Sergeant-At-Arms John Gonzalez collected sports dollars for last week's games and the upcoming contests for this weekend. Schools mentioned included Miami, Duke, Georgia, Clemson and Virginia Tech. Gene gave a BIG check for his donation of 24 gallons of blood to the local blood bank. Larry gave happy dollars for his participation in the Honor Flight last weekend. He urged other members to sign up for the next trip in the Spring.

Polio is still a challenge!

Brenda Gerdes gave us a brief update on the 30 years that Rotary has been working to eradicate polio from the face of the earth. She pointed out that only 3 countries remain polio-endemic. Jonas Salk's inactivated polio vaccine (IPV) has been crucial in helping us reach our goal of a polio-free world.

Before the vaccine was widely available polio crippled more than 35,000 US children each year. By 1957 --- 2 years after the introduction of the IPV vaccine --- cases in the U.S. had fallen by almost 90 percent, and by 1979 polio had been eradicated in our country. The impact on the rest of the world has taken much longer.

Rotary International formed the Global Polio Eradication Initiative and teamed with the World Health Organization and others polio was crippling people in over 120 countries.

Today polio remains endemic in only 3: Afghanistan, Nigeria and Pakistan.

Brenda introduced **Rotarian Betsy Owen** who is a polio survivor. At 2 years old she was struck down by the polio virus and spent the next six years flat on her back fighting the disease. Today she serves as District 6930 Polio Plus Chair.

She and her husband Mike travelled to India for one of the Immunization projects that Rotary sponsors. Children between the ages up to the age of 5 receive the vaccine drops. Over 170 million Indian children have been vaccinated.

According to Betsy more than \$5 billion has been spent to date fighting this disease. Recently the Gates Foundation has joined in the fight. The Foundation is matching funds 2 to 1 in this global initiative between now and 2018. That means that the money raised by the club is now worth more than \$1500!

You can learn more about the battle to beat polio at www.endpolio.org.

50 -50 was sold by John Gonzalez who raised \$25 with his technique! The pot was won by John Gonzalez! (The rumor is that he was sitting in Gary Damen's lucky chair!)

Below are our Polio Plus team and speakers Deb Kohuth and Betsy Owen.



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