



November 12, 2015

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 by President Jenny Esler. Pledge was led by Jim Horstman and the prayer by Gary Damen. Tom Whittington filled in for Keith Charlton in the Treasurer's seat.

Announcements

Jenny recognized the many Armed Forces Veterans in the club and thanked them for their service.

Nominating Committee for 2015-2016 officers is headed by Ellen Peitz. The committee met and the nominees are:

President – Harry Lerch
VP-Pres. Elect – Kathleen Lockhart
VP – Mike Costopoulos
Secretary – Larry Lavargna
Treasurer – Keith Charlton.

We will vote on the slate of officers on December 3rd.

Community Service is an important part of Rotary. Dr. Brian Moriarity has been appointed Chair of this Committee. It relates to all the activities that Rotarians undertake to improve the quality of life in our community. Particular emphasis is given to helping children, needy families, the aged, and those most in need of assistance. Rotarians strive to promote the ideal of service in their personal, business and community lives.

Brian has selected House of Hope as our partner for this quarter. We will begin collecting food for the pantry at the December 3rd meeting. Thanks, Brian for stepping up. House of Hope's webpage is hope@hohmartin.org.

Hap Mills thanked the Rotarians who led the Dictionary Distribution. All 600 plus dictionaries were delivered without incident such as a dangling participle or other grammatical issue.

David Guizerix received his certificate of membership in Rotary.

Rock Fiore thanked everyone for the food and toiletries we brought in for Lahai House on Salerno Road.

Jim Taylor has had to go back to Rehab at Stuart Rehab on Palm Beach Rd. Stop by and see him and help him on the road to recovery!

Brian filled in as Sergeant-at-Arms (after several cups of coffee, apparently) and led the collection of happy and sad dollars in a very spirited fashion. He was assisted by Dave Guizerix and they collected sports \$ (Hobart beat Kenyon), Travel Tips (Tom Keane) and our own Ellen Peitz for her efforts for the 12 Dames of Christmas!

Hap is still collecting books for Primary and Junior high students in the Bahamas. Bring them to the meeting on Dec. 3 and he will deliver them to Betsy Owen, PDG, who is heading up the drive for our District.

Celebrities for Kids!

Sue Whittington introduced Louise Murtaugh who is the Executive Director of Celebrities For Kids. Louise recently was appointed Exec. Director of this group after several years with Molly's House in Stuart.

The organization has been around since 1997 and is just stepping up their outreach efforts. They have been making a difference in the lives of children affected by cancer and other life-altering or life threatening illnesses and/or conditions. They serve families in Indian River, St. Lucie, Okeechobee and Martin Counties.

The organization provides funding (up to \$5,000) to families for daily living needs such as a mortgage payment, utility bills or car repairs to get patients back and forth to the Oncology and Pediatrics Team at St. Mary's Hospital, Martin Memorial and the Nicklaus Hospital for Children.

One of the fundraisers that benefit the group is a golf tourney hosted by Larry Laoretti and Jim Kaat from Martin County. The event will be at Jonathan's Landing in Jupiter on Nov. 30th. This is the 17th year for this fundraising effort.

The Honda Classic has set up a "Birdies for Children" fundraiser that awards a 2016 Honda car! Details are at www.thehondaclassic.com.

More details on the organization and their partners – and needs – at www.CelebritiesForeKids.org.

50-50 Hap Mills sold and then he WON! He will be selling again on the 3rd of December!

Next week we are meeting at 8 a.m. at the Flagler Center in support of the Tykes and Teens! See you there.

No meeting on Thanksgiving! See you at Monarch on December 3rd!

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