

## November 19, 2015

Stuart-Sunrise Rotary joined with the Palm City Chamber for breakfast and libations today. We met at the Flagler Center in downtown Stuart at the 8<sup>th</sup> annual Festival of Trees and Lights sponsored by the nonprofit Tykes and Teens. The weeklong event includes a VIP auction and kickoff reception, a holiday tea, a pancake breakfast and photos with Santa on Saturday and a raffle for the beautifully decorated wreaths and trees that fill 3 rooms at the Center. Hours are from 11 to 6 to tour the exhibit. Stop by and get a jump on the Christmas holidays.

The funds raised support mental health counseling, substance abuse prevention and treatment programs for Treasure Coast youth. The services offered by Tykes and Teens were outlined to the attendees by Jeffrey Shearer Executive Director. Counseling services are available in Palm City and Hobe Sound. More information is available at <a href="https://www.tykesandteens.org">www.tykesandteens.org</a>.

Our president Jenny Esler outlined what Rotary is how we serve others in both the local community and throughout the world. She spoke about our role in battling Polio as well as our activities locally including dictionaries for all 3<sup>rd</sup> graders in Martin County, college scholarships, Rotakids, RYLA and Interact programs.

Our thanks to Rotarians Ellen Peitz, Sue Whittington and Jenny Esler for making this a great kick-off to our holidays!

## **Member News**

Jim Taylor is set to leave rehab and return home on Friday! He hopes to attend our next meeting on Dec.3<sup>rd</sup>!

Paul Salazar underwent knee replacement surgery on Monday and is already skipping down the halls of the hospital! Nurse Brenda was bringing him home on Thursday.

Bruce Layden is due back from Spain today. Hope we get to hear the story of his pilgrimage!

We had a thank you note from Steve Dudenhoefer for our pledge of \$2,000 to help with the construction of new showers and study facilities for the women students at Ak Tenamit! We are teaming up with other clubs in Guatemala and Rotary District 6930 in seeking matching funds through a Rotary Global Grant.

You can send a student to school for a year at Ak Tenamit for just \$365. For more info go the Guatemalan Tomorrow Fund. www.guatfund.org.

## Happy Thanksgiving!

See you on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at Monarch!

Dave Shoaf, Editor

