

Rotary News for Nov. 5, 2015

Meeting was called to order by Jenny Esler, President, at 7:30. Pledge was led by Gene Van Curen and the stirring invocation was given by Gary

There were several public requests for support repeated this week.

Roc Fiore thanked the members for their support of Lahia on Salerno Road. Roc has been collecting food and toiletries for the homeless that visit the facility. Roc will be helping serve the evening meal there next Wednesday. If you would like to help connect with Roc - rfiore@comcast.net.

Audrey Ballantyne said that Revive Church is gathering household goods and clothing following hurricane Erika. Martin Memorial has provided medical supplies for the tiny island. You can drop off your items at the Revive Church between 9 and 5 at 851 SE Johnson Ave (next to Stuart Post Office.) 763-9244. They plan to ship the items next Thursday.

If you have books for the Bahamas please bring them to a meeting and Hap Mills will get them to Past District Governor Betsy Owen. They are looking for Junior High and Primary School books.

Dates to Remember:

November 19th - We meet at the Flagler Center at 8 a.m. in Stuart with Tykes and Teens and the Palm City Chamber.

NO MEETING on the 26th. Happy Turkey Day!

December 3rd is our next Board Meeting.

Vocational Spotlight was Dave Shoaf who talked about his careers in the Air Force, TV News, Corporate Communications, Marketing and Energy Business Development. He spent over 20 years in Washington, DC helping clients make sense of government budgets and bureaucratic bungling. 1920's Quote that a friend of Dave's used that seems relevant today:

"When I was a boy I was told anybody could become President. I'm beginning to believe it." – Clarence Darrow, Esq.

John Gonzalez collected Happy and Sad Dollars. Lots of sports dollars were evident as Miami, Clemson and Florida were discussed. Jamie had an "on time" dollar!

John Fedorek presented a Birthday and Anniversary Check to the local Foundation. Lots of happy years!

Bob Swan is heading to San Diego for a few weeks. Phil Rasmussen returned from Poulsbo, WA for the winter. Joe DeFronzo joined us , too. Kathy Lockhart had happy bucks for her son's Wedding in NYC, her vacation in Portugal and other blessings.

Dave Astras led the Dictionary Team to Bessey Creek this morning. Thanks to the Pinewood, Crystal Lake and Citrus Grove teams as well.

Be A Tourist update

John Fedorek reported the earnings

	Last	This
	Year	Year
Raffle	17,634.00	9,300.00
Club Corp contribution	2,333.25	-
Morgan Stanley grant	2,000.00	2,000.00
Misc donations	-	400.00
50/50	825.00	1,090.00
	22,792.25	12,790.00
Expenses	-	(1,389.13)
Net revenue	22,792.25	11,400.87

Paul Salazar, Rotary Foundation Chair, reported that RI has new requirements to qualify for matching funds from RI and the District for our projects. That includes the need for donations of \$100 from each member of the club each year. A motion was made "In order for the Stuart Sunrise Rotary Club to meet the Every Rotarian Every Year goal for giving to Rotary International, Gary Damen moved to have the amount included in the appropriate quarterly dues billing to the membership. Elmira Gainey seconded. The motion carried. Individual participation in EREY will continue to be a personal option for each member. After much discussion, the motion carried by vote of 16 for, 8 against.

Last year our club gave \$1247 to the Annual Fund. Our goal for 2015-16 is \$1700.

You can find Foundation Giving information and your donor history on the rotary.org website. Go to MyRotary.

International Service

The International Service Committee has announced that they plan to participate in the Water & Sanitation Global Grant for Ak Tenamit. The grant is hosted by Club Rotario de Ermita of Guatemala City. We will be partnering with Rotary Clubs from Montreal, CA, Illinois and Florida to provide a sanitary water system and an electrical system for the girls dormitory, the computer lab and offices at the school. Over 200 female students as well as patients served by the health clinic will benefit from the new \$82,000 facility. Our club will donate \$2,000 and seek additional funding from the District and RI. Larry Lavargna chairs the committee! Nice Job, Larry and team!

50-50 Was sold by John Gonzalez and won by Hap Mills.

We adjourned at 8:40.

