



THE SUNRISE CIRCUIT

Newsletter of the
Stuart Sunrise Rotary Club, Florida



Stuart-Sunrise Rotary

March 12, 2015

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:30. Kathy Lockhart led the pledge and Elmira gave the prayer.

Judy Swan was a special guest – and our photographer for updating our directory! If you didn't get a new picture you will see your old self in our directory! Get your updates to Sue!

Announcements

Rick Zurich represented the Scholarship Committee and read an essay by one of our candidates for our Scholarships. This young lady has been active in Native American heritage programs, sings in OPUS and many other activities at MHS.

Butch Bayley reported that the club has \$11,882 in our checking account and over \$4500 in our savings account. Good job, Butch!

President-Elect Jenny Esler returned from President Elect Training (PETS) fired up and ready to lead! She invited input on Strategic Objectives for the club. She also announced an Appraisal Day this Saturday at the Elliott from 10 to 3. Call to make an appointment to have those "priceless relics" appraised!

Bob Gilmour was hospitalized last week following a stroke. He is doing much better and is in rehab at Health South at their Salerno Road facility. Son Scott has been down and his daughters Liane and Shelley are now here. His direct line is 772-324-3732.

Fundraising Committee members Ellen and Elmira announced that **May 1st** is the Kick -off Party for the **2015 Be A Tourist in Stuart. It will be held again at Toyota of Stuart!** More details to follow!

Sue Whittington inducted Dave Astras as our newest member. Dave grew up in Boca Raton, went to FSU, got his MBA and worked for MMM in Virginia and North Carolina. He came back to Florida to join Hinckley and married a local lady from Stuart. The family lives in Palm City! Dave's Classification is Boat Services.

Sergeant-at-arms

John Gonzalez stepped up to the podium and fined members left and right! Donations for birthdays came from Jenny Esler and visiting Rotarian John Bracken. (John also praised the club for having more fun than any other Rotary Club he has visited!).

Mike Searle donated \$20 he found during the Mapp Road cleanup last Saturday! Larry Lavargna almost found a \$100 dollar bill! There were lots of sports dollars and basketball playoff predictions circulating, as well as absentee dollars for missing meetings.

Rotary Youth Exchange Student presents Brazil!

Julia Shimohara-Baradaschia spoke today. Julia is attending Jensen Beach High School and has been blessing those of us who have met her with a great attitude, a lively spirit, interest in everything and a good sense of humor! Her native language is Portuguese but her English is better than many native speakers. She also speaks Spanish and some Norwegian and has been studying Korean!

Julia thanked us for sponsoring her year in Stuart. It takes a village to raise a child and Julia thanks each and every one of you who have helped her.

She has attended Rotary Club and District events in several cities, been to Disney World and Sea Camp along with many other activities. She attended the PETS conference with other exchange students and has been creating friendships wherever she goes.

Julia's family has hosted exchange students and has one living with them this year!

Julia filled us in on her life in Brasilia. The beaches are beautiful as are the people. The students wear uniforms to school. Children are less independent according to Julia. You can't drive until you are 18 so there is a public transportation system for getting about until you can drive. You can vote when you are 18 and are REQUIRED to vote until you are 72. The area where she lives has a large Japanese and Italian populations that have emigrated there. The nation has hosted the soccer World Cup and has a very rich heritage.

Our thanks to Sue and Tom Whittington who have been serving as Mom and Pop to Julia!

Brazil Fast Facts from National Geographic

Population:

184,184,000

Capital:

Brasília; 3,099,000

Area:

8,547,403 square kilometers (3,300,169 square miles)

Language:

Portuguese

Religion:

Roman Catholic

Currency:

Real

Life Expectancy:

69

GDP per Capita:

U.S. \$7,600

Literacy Percent:

86

Flag

Map

Brazil is the giant of South America with nearly half of the continent's area and people; worldwide it ranks fifth in both area and population, which is as diverse as it is large. About 54 percent (103 million) are mainly of European origin, descendants of immigrants from Portugal, Italy, Spain, Germany and Eastern Europe. More than 44 percent (85 million) are black or of mixed-race, a legacy of the African slave trade. Less than 1 percent (700,000) are from indigenous groups, mostly Indians in the Amazon region; smaller numbers of Japanese, other Asians, and Arabs live in the larger Brazilian cities.

The motto "Ordem e Progresso"—(Order and Progress)—appears on Brazil's flag. Political progress continues after years of military dictatorship gave way to civilian rule in 1985. Recent censuses reveal social progress, with lower infant mortality rates and higher literacy rates. Brazil's growing urbanization rate helps economic development (some 80 percent of Brazilians live in urban areas), but creates serious social and environmental problems in cities.

São Paulo, with some 10.9 million people, is Brazil's largest city—and one of the world's largest metropolises. It is the leading industrial producer and financial center, but problems with pollution, overcrowding, and poverty abound. The Southeast region of Brazil includes São Paulo, Belo Horizonte, and Rio de Janeiro—the economic hub of Brazil, containing more than 40 percent of the country's population. South of São Paulo is a rich agricultural region with European-style standards of living, where German and Italian are still spoken alongside Portuguese. Itaipu, the second largest hydroelectric power facility in the world, provides electricity to power-hungry São Paulo.

Brazil's second most populous region is the Northeast region, from Maranhao in the north down to Bahia (the most African of Brazilian states). The architecture of cities like Recife and Salvador (Portuguese colonial capital, 1549-1763) shows an earlier age of plantation wealth, but today this is a poor region subject to devastating droughts. Millions have left here for jobs in the Southeast. However, tourism has begun to boom due to sunny weather, samba music, and soft sand beaches.

The North, dominated by the Amazon, is the largest region with the fewest people.

The government is making progress in conserving the tropical rain forest and protecting the indigenous people. Tumucumaque National Park, created in 2002, is the world's largest tropical forest park.

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Gene Van Curen sold for Harry Lerch. Winner was John Bracken!

Dave Shoaf

Light Up Rotary!