



THE SUNRISE CIRCUIT

Newsletter of the
Stuart Sunrise Rotary Club, Florida



Stuart-Sunrise Rotary _____ **March 26, 2015**

Meeting was called to order by President Scott Simmons. The Pledge was led by Mike Searle and the prayer was given by Joe DeFronzo.

Scholarship committee

Larry Lavargna read an application letter from one of the finalists for our 2015 Spring awards. We will be giving a total of 3 this year.

The applicant has lived in Martin County for 12 years. She attends South Fork High. She participates in cross country, Captains the track and field team, drama, choir and works at McDonalds. She hopes to major in exercise science and has applied at Florida Gulf Coast Univ. and FAU.

Youth Programs

Jane Mills announced that we have 4 students attending Rotary Youth Leadership Assembly next month! Guest Pat Tobin is chair for RYLA.

Be a Tourist 2015 – Elmira announced that plans are underway for the May 1 event at Toyota of Stuart! Here are some of the Rotarians who have stepped up to help:

Sub Committee Chairs

Brenda Gerdes will be in charge of setting up the venue.

Food will be catered by Maneros (Butch Bayley, chair).

All members are asked to bring a bottle of wine or a 12 pack of beer for the event. Mike Searle will coordinate.

Larry Lavargna will coordinate the artists who will be exhibiting.

Ken Furcron and Advance Printing will be providing tickets and posters.

Tom Whittington is urging every member to contact last year's participants and gather prizes and bring them to our meeting.

Forms and more info are on our web site www.stuart-sunriserotary.org.

Great Job Elmira and Ellen!

Sergeant at Arms John Gonzalez

Visitors included Rotarians Jennifer Burnidge from Illinois, Dan Hedge from Minnesota, Dave Kennedy from New York, John Bracken from New York and Pat Tobin, Joyce and Jack Tartemella from Stuart Rotary, and Assistant DG Hap Mills.

Members offered sports dollars for ACC teams, Thank you dollars for Julia's companions and hosts for spring break, and Bob Swan gave Happy \$ for Judy finally deciding to Retire – and travel! Gary gave a sad \$ because he wasn't invited to play golf with the President this weekend. Mike gave a happy buck for an upcoming trip to Sun Valley!

Theatre at the Rose Barn!

Rotarian Francine Beckstead also serves as President of the Barn Theatre on SE Ocean Boulevard. She provided us with more insight into this great group of performers who entertain Martin County residents with 6 major productions every season.

The group bought the old Bussert rose packing barn in December 1970. By 1974 they had paid off the mortgage, turned it into a theatre and were underway! They now do 11 performances of each play Thursday through Sunday Matinee for 3 weeks. The next production is "The Man Who Came to Dinner" by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman. The play will run from April 17th to May 3rd.

The cast members are all local actors, directors and technical staff who share their exceptional talent with us. Auditions are held for each play. They are also seeking volunteers for singers, actors, stage crew, set construction, lighting and sound and many other tasks that help create a great evening of entertainment.

The facility is also available for other group performances and lectures. Two shows are scheduled for the next couple of months. May 17th will be Divas of Song featuring a return performance of Amaya Crichton, Mary Murphy and Sharon Owens. Their production will feature Broadway, contemporary and classical music. June 25 through the 28th will feature Nicky Wood and his costars sharing a musical revue of Broadway hits.

Check out their website a www.barn-theatre.com

50-50 was sold by Rick Zurich and won by "Lucky" Damen.

Rotarian Magazine update – April Issue has a great article on Alzheimers Disease and what some Rotarians are doing to combat this disease – Page 28!