



THE SUNRISE CIRCUIT

Newsletter of the
Stuart Sunrise Rotary Club, Florida



Stuart-Sunrise Rotary News

March 5, 2015

Pledge was led by John Gonzalez and the Prayer was given by father Gene Van Curen.

A Mystery Rotarian was announced by President Scott. He was born in Madison, Wisconsin and has visited 46 of the 50 states. Played air guitar in high school and got a football scholarship to Univ. of Vermont.

Give up? Well, he also visited Charlotte Presbyterian Hospital on his way to Florida and worked among the rich and famous in Martin County raising over \$100 million before he retired from the Martin Memorial Foundation..

Oh, then he decided to help out Hibiscus Children's Center in our community. And continues to this day! Well, it is Rusty Brink, folks! (Maybe you have seen his trucks going from bank to bank!).

Club Directory update!

Sue, Kathy and Ken are updating our club Directory. Please edit your page and bring a copy to the meeting next week. If you don't have a directory Sue will have blank copies at the meeting next week. Publication deadline is March 15th!

Sergeant-at-arms

John Gonzalez returned from his Willy Nelson concert and welcomed Rotarians John Bracken and David Kennedy and guest Brian Connolly. He then proceeded to squeeze happy and sad dollars out of the crowd.

Steve Dillemoth gave a happy buck for his daughter's success as a cheerleader and her graduating from UCF. Mike Costopolous gave a happy \$5 for being here and Jenny gave happy bucks for an April 16 presentation at the Elliott on Baseball by Jim Kaat and Fay Vincent.

Butch gave the Foundation a birthday check and Roc thanked our 14 worker bees who showed up to paint a Habitat house in Banner Lake, Hobe Sound. The team did it in less than 3 hours!

Jamie announced that Bessey Creek Elementary's Team Green Club is collecting plastic bottle caps. "Caps of Love" recycles the caps and uses the \$ to buy wheelchairs for disabled children.

Mapp Rd Cleanup

Mike Searle reminded us that we had a Mapp Road Cleanup set for this Saturday at 8 a.m. Meet Mike at the TD Bank south parking lot.

Mike also reported that our dictionary project continues to benefit our county's 3rd graders. Over the years we have distributed 7,968 dictionaries!

Scholarship Committee Chair Gene Van Curen reported that the committee is narrowing down their choices for our 3 scholarships for this spring.

He read a letter from one of the finalists who hopes to become a dental hygienist after she graduates from IRSC.

The Membership Committee is hard at work. Sue reported that 3 more candidates are under review and 3 others are considering membership! Keep it up, Rotarians! Sue mentioned a plan to invite Rotary Alums to become Honorary Club Members so they can help us spread the Rotarian Story. She spoke of one educator who was a Rotary Exchange Student.

Fundraising Committee members Ellen and Elmira announced that **April 17th** 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!

Stuart-Sunrise Rotary Foundation

The Foundation continues to hold our donated funds. The foundation is established as a 501c3 and gives donors certain tax benefits. As of January 31, we have had income of \$17,440. The "Be a Tourist Raffle and the Monarch Club Corp Golf outing have been our major sources of income. Our expenses for scholarships and the dictionary project and other contributions has been \$10,119. Money not invested in the community is rolled over to our endowment fund for future projects.

President Elect Jenny Esler is attending the PETS conference in Orlando this weekend. She is taking our exchange student Julie to the event as well! Jenny said she is seeking input for her strategic plan for 2015-16. She has Literacy, Scholarships and Youth as well as Habitat as key areas. Send her your ideas jennyesler@gmail.com.

50-50 was sold by Larry Lavargna and won by Harry Lerch (with Roc's help)!

Light Up Rotary!