



## THE SUNRISE CIRCUIT

Newsletter of the  
Stuart Sunrise Rotary Club, Florida



### Stuart-Sunrise Rotary Newsletter \_\_\_\_\_ May 7, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Elect Jenny Esler in Scott's absence. Brenda Gerdes led the pledge and Jenny led the prayer.

Sue inducted a new member, Amber Woods of Treasure Coast Toyota and Lexus. All of our Rotarians welcomed Amber with standing ovation. (Amber's email address is [awoods@treasurecoastlexus.com](mailto:awoods@treasurecoastlexus.com) )

Tom Whittington reported on the Kickoff Friday evening, which was a Big Success! He gave everyone a big Thank You, with particular thanks to Elmira and Ellen for putting together a great start to our 2nd annual Be a Tourist in Stuart fundraiser! The committee did a great job with food, drink, art displays and camaraderie! Kathy Lockhart sold 32 tickets and kept the Rotary Bell ringing throughout the evening. Sales were phenomena, more than 500% more than last year! Tom also gave special thanks to Amber and Toyota of Stuart for one of the best venues in the county! Belkiss Simmons took nearly two dozen colorful photos, which Kathy will post on our web page.

In all more than \$60 in happy bucks were contributed. Tom filled in for John as Sergeant-at-Arms, introducing guests and collecting happy bucks. Guests included John Bracken of New York state, Michael Donnelly, guest of Larry Lavargna, Bill Krevitz, guest of Dave Astra and grandfather of one of our scholarship winners, and Margarites Lorado. Many happy bucks were collected by Amber, including many honoring and welcoming Amber! Many thanks were extended by Elmira to all who contributed to the success of the Kickoff, and others Jenny who received \$2.5 for the museum in the recent day of giving, and from Bob Swan, Rock Fiore and Rusty Brink who are all heading off to exciting vacation trips, and Keith Charlton who is facing 3 or 4 days of involuntary confinement at Caves Valley in Maryland!

Our program today was led by Gene VanCuren, Chair of our Scholarship Committee, who introduced two of this year's scholarship winners. Both were beautiful and poised young ladies. Gene said our third winner was in school taking an advanced placement examination, and will join us at a later date. Gene first introduced Savannah Krevitz from Martin County High School. Savannah is in Martin's world famous OPUS Chorus, and recently returned from a choral competition in Chicago where OPUS won gold! She has begun studies at IRSC in Forensic Psychology, while still attending high school. After completing a degree from IRSC she plans to attend FAU. She has already had many volunteer careers, including Girl Scouts, habitat restoration, beach cleanups, and others. Seeing a significant need, Savannah started assisting, and then teaching special education programs for kids with learning disabilities who previously had only received a brief period of assistance each day. She even changed her intended major to Special Education. Savannah said that she is a local girl, and that after college she intends to return to Martin County to teach, live and raise a family. Gene next introduced Magali Lorado from South Fork High School. Magali has worked with programs for the elderly and for her church, where she raised \$7,200 for special church programs. She has been working on her Certificate of Nursing Assistant (CNA), and will also be taking the test for EKG certification. She plans to get a degree in Dental Hygiene from IRSC, and will be able to continue to create smiles.

Before adjournment, Membership Chair Sue presented the blue New Member Sponsor Award Pin to Butch for his recent sponsorship of Dave Astras. Butch is the second recipient, after Brenda for her sponsorship of Paul Salazar.

The District Conference will be held at the PGA Resort in Jupiter June 19-21. Reservation deadlines are approaching. Information is available on the district web site: [www.rotary6930.org](http://www.rotary6930.org) 50-50

Raffle tickets were sold by Bob Swan, and Rusty Brink won \$30 with the winning ticket.

Elmira advises that next week's program will be led by Steve Klaassen of the Colorado Pawn Shop, who will be introduced by Sue.

Your editor today is Harry Lerch with assistance from Gene. Editor Dave Shoaf is out of town hob-knobbing with his fellow Wizards in D.C.

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