



## **THE SUNRISE CIRCUIT**

**Newsletter of the  
Stuart Sunrise Rotary Club, Florida**

September 10, 2015

Well, someone is a slacker and did not remember to ask someone to take minutes last week - I had a conflict and did not attend.

I owe Dave Shoaf a drink.

But I do have information to share - the draft documents we considered at our Club Assembly so:

1. Please look over these documents and communicate with Jenny Esler any thoughts or recommended changes, and 2. Please accept my sincere apology for you not receiving a recap of last week's meeting.

Make it an excellent day,  
Sue

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### **Stuart Sunrise Rotary Club Committees Club year 2015-2016**

#### **Draft September 1, 2015**

##### **Club Service**

Elmira Gainey, Chair and Speakers  
Dave Shoaf, Newsletters  
Ken Fucron, Printer  
Paul Salazar, Photographer  
Jim Horstman  
Vic Simonsen  
Butch Bayley  
Amber Woods  
John Gonzalez, Sargent at Arms  
Tom Kean, Club Secretary  
Keith Charlton, Club Treasurer  
Kathy Lockhart, Vice President, Web Page and Public Relations  
Harry Lerch, President-elect and Community Image Coordinator  
Jennifer Esler, Club President  
(Need someone to take on helping 2016 District Conference.)

##### **Community Service**

Scott Simmons, Chair  
Gary Damen  
Roc Fiore  
Jack Langhorne  
Dave Shoaf  
Rex Sentell  
Elmira Gainey  
Sue Whittington  
Gene Van Curen (Chair, Scholarships)  
Vic Simonsen  
Jim Taylor  
Michael Donnelly  
Jane Mills  
Brian Moriarty  
(Need someone to take on Dictionaries, if not Scott, and volunteers to head four teams)

##### **Family of Rotary**

Mike Costopoulos, Chair  
Brian Moriarty

##### **Membership**

Sue Whittington, Chair  
Butch Bayley  
Ellen Peitz

##### **Fund Raising**

Tom Whittington, Chair  
Gary Damen  
Roc Fiore  
Jack Langhorne  
Vic Simonsen  
Jim Taylor  
Elmira Gainey  
Paul Salazar  
Chris Shoaf  
Brenda Gerdes  
Mike Costopoulos  
Jane Mills  
Michael Donnelly  
Sue Whittington (Golf Tournament)  
Keith Charlton (Golf Tournament)  
Larry Lavargna (Beer Pouring?)

##### **International Service**

Larry Lavargna, Chair  
John Fedorek  
Paul Salazar  
Brenda Gerdes

##### **Youth Service**

Jane Mills, Chair, Rotakids  
Jack Langhorne

Gene Van Curen  
 Rick Zurich  
 Jennifer Esler  
 Paul Salazar  
 Mary Jo Horton  
 Michael Costopoulos, Interact  
 Roc Fiore, RYLA

**Vocational Service**

Jim Taylor, Chair  
 Mary-Jo Horton

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**Stuart Sunrise Rotary Club  
 Draft Strategic Plan, version August 31, 2015  
 2015-2016**

**Where are we now?**

The Stuart Sunrise Rotary Club meets weekly at 7:30 AM on Thursday mornings. There is great energy and camaraderie among the club members. Locally, the club raises money for several scholarships for county high school seniors, and other causes identified throughout the year, including several hundred dictionaries for third graders. Internationally, the club has sponsored the Ak' Tenamit school in Guatemala. One of the club's strengths is its commitment to youth, having sponsored Rotakids for elementary school children, attendees to RYLA, and, this past year, both outgoing and incoming exchange students. In terms of weaknesses, the club has had some challenges in using My Rotary in terms of setting goals in order for our efforts to be tracked and measured. Also, recently the Club has lost several members of long-standing, due to health, job or family conflicts.

**Where do we want to be?**

We want to increase our membership to about 60 to increase our level of service activity.

In addition, at a Board retreat at the beginning of the year, two priority areas of interest were identified: youth and working with other clubs. This led us to articulating a vision for the club for the next few years.

**What is our vision?**

Our vision is to serve youth by teaching them leadership skills and the value of service. We seek to do this in both non-traditional and traditional ways, both locally and internationally.

Locally, we would like to find ways to serve and support youth of all ages, particularly in ways that teach them about service. For that reason, we want to do the following:

- Spend time and resources maintaining and growing our Rotakids program.
- We want to start an Interact Club at Clark Advanced Learning Center.
- We want to look for opportunities to work with the Rotaract clubs in the District.
- We want to invite members of the above groups, and other Youth organizations, to work with us on community projects and attend other Rotary activities.
- We want to strive to influence, mentor, and recruit minority youth into Rotary projects and programs.
- We want to continue to distribute a Dictionary to every Third Grader in our club's area.
- We want to send 4-5 High School students to RYLA.
- We want to prepare to sponsor incoming and outgoing exchange students again sometime in the near future.
- We would also like for our Foundation to have enough resources to sustain giving levels of about \$10,000 per year.
- We want to work with other clubs to identify ways to increase our mutual resources to be a gift to the world.

Internationally, we would like to serve youth where there is a need, even if in non-traditional or creative ways. For this reason, we are looking at supporting the following efforts.

- Join with other clubs to support Ak' Tenamit Capital Projects which would install rest rooms and other plumbing in the Girl's dormitories at the school in Guatemala.
- Support at least one scholarship at Ak' Tenamit.
- Possibly continuing to support the soccer project in Africa.
- Look for a new project that teaches service above self to youth in other countries.

**How do we get there?**

**Strategic priority 1: Work with Rotary-to-school youth organizations**

Annual Goals	Timeline	Resources needed	Member assigned
Continue Rotakids	School Year	4 school-club liaisons; budgeted funds	Jane Mills
Distribute dictionaries	Spring	Dictionary grant, volunteers, budgeted funds, 4-way test stickers	Scott Simmons(?)
Start Interact Club	School Year	Identify school, club liaison, budgeted funds	Mike Costopolous; Debbie Kohut
Invite RotaKids, Interact or Rotaract Clubs to help on a service project (road clean up; listing on My Rotary)	Rotary Year	Club-club liaison; identify project; invite and coordinate with Rotakids, Interact or Rotaractors	
Sponsor RYLA participants	Spring 2016	RYLA coordinator; budgeted funds;	Roc Fiore
Consider sponsoring exchange students	School Year	Club coordinator; host families identified; funds budgeted	
Introduce our club to local school leaders and administrators.	Rotary Year	Identify leaders; invite them to speak or attend a meeting; talk with them about youth service.	Sue Whittington

**Strategic priority 2: Continue to fund scholarships**

Annual Goals	Timeline	Resources needed	Member assigned
Fund returning scholars	Rotary year	\$2,500 to \$5,000 from 2014 BATIS	Gene Van Curen
Fund new scholarships	Rotary year	\$7,500 to \$10,000; selection committee volunteers from 2014 BATIS	Gene Van Curen

**Strategic priority 3: Support Ak' Tenamit school in Guatemala**

Annual Goals	Timeline	Resources needed	Member assigned
Support one scholarship	Rotary year	Budgeted funds;	Larry Lavargna
Support capital improvements there with other clubs	Rotary year	Budgeted funds; District and global grant proposal writer; coordination with Guatemala Tomorrow Fund	Larry Lavargna

