



THE SUNRISE CIRCUIT

Newsletter of the
Stuart Sunrise Rotary Club, Florida

September 24, 2015

Pledge by Jim Horstman, who is headed West this weekend. SAFE TRAVELS JIM!

Prayer by Hap Mills

- . Hap sold 50/50 tickets for slacker Gary Damen who forgot that he won last week and didn't show up - for punishment he won again this week!
- . Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) in Boca on October 17th; contact Jenny if you want to attend
- . Craft Beer Festival to benefit ARC on Saturday, September 26th. If you want to join Rock as a beer pourer, please call him - if not, come on by and enjoy the brew.

- . Jenny read a letter from Theresa Garbarino, Executive Director of CASTLE, that clarified comments she made at the September 10th meeting.
- . October 24 is POLIO AWARENESS DAY - Jane Mills passed the POLIO PIG and will continue to do so until the end of October. Our contributions will be sent to the International Foundation as part of our Club's Foundation contribution this year.

- . Jo Horton is being honored as a Health Care Hero. The breakfast will be on October 1st so we will wish her well from our meeting next week.

GOOD LUCK JO!

- . Club Corp Classic is October 9th

- . Meeting on November 19th is at Flagler Center in downtown Stuart. We are sponsoring the Palm City Chamber breakfast that morning as part of the Tykes & Teens Festival of Trees and Lights. This is a great opportunity for recruiting members.

Brian Moriarty proved that sometimes when you lose a bet, good things happen - which is how he ended up as Assistant Sergeant At Arms. Lots of happy dollars for Jo, Ann Decker, Be A Tourist in Stuart and other wonderful things to celebrate.

Gene Van Curen introduced our speaker, Ann Decker, Executive Director of the Indian River State College Foundation. 100% of our 2015 scholarship money supported students attending IRSC.

Highlights of Ann's comments:

Community colleges have always been about access in your local community and to provide a workforce for the local market.

Florida State Legislature "turned the community college system on its ears" July 2015 by introducing performance-based funding for full time students:

1. COMPLETION: First time in college regardless of age you must complete your program within 150% of what is required - if not, the college that student attends is penalized. If you finish in 3 years, college gets 2/3 of a point. 4 years - 1/3 point.
2. RETENTION: First time in college students, who start in Fall 2015, the Legislature does not care if that student is not enrolled in Spring. If that student is back in school in Fall 2016, a retention measurement is used as part of the performance measures. If you have an AA degree and enroll in baccalaureate you are considered a first time in college student.
3. PLACEMENT: when someone graduates, they make sure you are continuing your education or working.
4. SALARY: What you earn as a completed at IRSC. If your graduate is not making at least \$36k in their job the measurement is not met.

Four year universities are not available to all students. For example, applicants need a 3.8 to 4.0 GPA to get into University of Florida.

Two years ago the legislature passed Senate bill 1720, which mandates that if you have been in school during the last 10 years you cannot be tested for college readiness. But a large percentage of people who enter IRSC need remediation in Math, English and Reading to be ready.

Senator Negron is opposed to community colleges having baccalaureate degrees.

The baccalaureate program at IRSC was created when three area hospitals approached Dr. Ed Massey about offering 4 year degrees in Nursing.

In Negron's previous legislation he suggested the following plans to introduce to the legislative session:

- . CAP ON WHAT FLORIDA STATE COLLEGES (FSC) CAN OFFER ON BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM
- . LIMIT ENROLLMENT INCREASES IN BACCALAUREATE PROGRAMS AT FSC SCHOOLS IF THEY HAVE 10% OF THEIR TOTAL ENROLLMENT IN BACCALAUREATE THEY CAN ONLY INCREASE ANOTHER 5%; IF THE SCHOOL'S BACCALAUREATE ENROLLMENT IS LESS THAN 10% OF TOTAL ENROLLMENT, THEY CAN INCREASE ANOTHER 7%.
- . REMOVE THE WORD "STATE" IN ALL OF THE FSC WHO ADDED THE WORD "STATE" TO THEIR NAMES SINCE OFFERING BACCALAUREATE PROGRAMS.

At IRSC, 14% of students are in baccalaureate programs. Many are part time. Legislation has moved through preliminary stages about carrying guns on campus. If you are already a concealed weapons permit holder, you are allowed to have a gun on campus. Massey is opposed to this legislation. Majority of security on campus is retired police and do not carry guns. If this passes, there will be a Systemwide cost of \$7 million to outfit security with weapons.

At IRSC, enrollment is up 4% and tuition costs are level. In addition to funding formula, the Florida legislature provided for \$40 million in enhancement. While this is technically true, they took 20 million from base funding and added \$20 million. \$855,344 was IRSC share.

88% of IRSC students have a job. The highest school in the state is at 90% with 9 schools in between.

Schools have been divided into three categories:

Gold 5 schools
Silver 17 schools
Bronze 6 schools

Legislature has told the schools at bronze level they will take funding away from them and give them to the gold schools.

Next week: Laurie Gaylord, Superintendent, Martin County School District



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