



THE SUNRISE CIRCUIT

**Newsletter of the
Stuart Sunrise Rotary Club, Florida
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November 17th, 2016

Pledge was led by John Gonzalez and Prayer was offered by Dave Shoaf.
We welcomed Phil Rasmussen back and Butch Bayley introduced guest Ted Norris.
Harry reminded us that there is NO MEETING Next Thursday. Have a great Thanksgiving!

Calendar

Nov. 18th BATIS and Golf Tourney at Monarch Help us raise money for our annual scholarships. Buy your tickets for our raffle. And don't forget the silent and live auction! 12:30 Shotgun start. Reception at 5!
Dec. 1 PGA golf pro Jim Herman is our speaker
Dec. 2 Rotakids and Interact Christmas program at Boys and Girls Club in Palm City.

Happy and Sad

Brian and Dave took our dollars (including change for Polio Plus) gratefully. Sports dollars, planned trips and new business arrangements helped fill the club coffers.

Sikorsky flies the President and helps protect the country!

Igor Sikorsky imagined the helicopter in 1923. In 1939 He began building helicopters which today serve both military and civilian customers.

Don Koedam, Chief of Flight Line Operations at the Development Flight Center in West Palm Beach, spoke to us about the firm's history and growth. The firm was part of United Technologies until 2015. Lockheed Martin purchased the firm in 2015 for \$9 billion and integrated the products and technology into their systems approach to developing aircraft and avionics technology.

Today the firm employs over 1200 people. While the product design work is done in Stratford, CT, the manufacturing, testing and crew training is done in South Florida.

Flight Crews from all over the world are trained at Sikorsky's 24,000 sq. ft. facility at Witham Field. Maintenance and product testing are conducted at the West Palm campus.

Today's customers for the firm's high tech products include construction companies, corporations and logistics firms that can use vertical lift technology to reduce emergency response time and move products and staff quickly. While today's aircraft can cruise at 170 knots the more advanced products can deliver a consistent 250 knots.

The firm is very active in hiring returning veterans, a big supporter of United Way and educating students in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) careers and opportunities. Check out www.sikorsky.com for more info.

Happy Thanksgiving! No Meeting on Thursday!

Board Meeting today was cancelled.

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