



THE SUNRISE CIRCUIT

Newsletter of the
Stuart Sunrise Rotary Club, Florida

Meeting was called to order by President Jenny. Pledge was led by Paul Salazar and Prayer was given by Vic Simonsen.

Announcements

Gene Van Curen read a letter from one of the finalists in our scholarship program. The young lady spoke of the support she had gained from her Grandmother and how she had provided guidance through grade and high schools. She spoke of the cultural differences between Haiti and the U.S. and how she had bridged that gap through education and observation. She was another deserving candidate.

Membership Chair Sue Whittington called for a vote by the club to accept the board's recommendation of Carole Davis for membership. Carole was recommended by Ellen Peitz. The members voted unanimously to approve. If you have any questions contact Sue.

Habitat for Humanity Work Day

Roc announced that the first work day will be May 21st at a new house under construction in Hobe Sound or Golden Gate. The work crew will be limited to 10 people. Check your calendar and Rock will have a signup sheet at next week's meeting. If there is enough interest Rock will request an additional date in early June.

RYLA

Roc announced that we have 5 students who have applied to attend Rotary Youth Leadership Training this year. We have 3 students from Clark and 2 from Martin County!

Happy and Sad

John Gonzalez welcomed John Bracken from Stony Brook, NY and former member Sue Shirley back from Lafayette, La. John gave freely of his own bucks for pictures in Luminaries and requested \$ from members Sue and Vic. Gene Van Curen gave a large Birthday gift to the Foundation and Keith Charlton gave a happy \$20 for his Costa Rica fishing trip. He and his friends caught and released 130 sailfish in 3 days!

Interact update.

Mike Costopolous said that the Interact Club had qualified for the President's Citation in their first year. Advisor Debbie Kohuth and 2 of the Interact members will be joining us next week. Bring some bucks for their fundraising effort.

Boys and Girls Club Literacy Program

Heidi Soares, CFO of the Boys and Girls Club of Martin County was introduced by Gene Van Curen. Heidi has been with Club for 16 years. She described the Summer Slide Program to encourage children to continue reading during the summer. This helps students maintain or improve their reading proficiency and encourages them to join other constructive activities at one of the 13 locations in the county. The program runs for 7 weeks during the summer and includes working with teachers for 2 hour sessions 3 times a week. The cost of the program is underwritten by Children's Services Council, United Way, and Martin County Community Foundation.

The program has been operating for 2 years and the statistics reflect 65% of the students are improving during the summer, according to Heidi.

Heidi introduced **Steven Cornette** who is the new Chief Operations Officer of the Boys & Girls Club. Steven was a member of the Boys and Girls Club in Palm Beach County as a teen and he believes it changed his life. He spoke of the peer to peer mentoring that helps build self-esteem, acquire moral values and pursue productive futures.

Steven announced **Free Basketball Clinic** set for Saturday, April 2nd at the Hobe Sound Club. The 4 hour session is limited to boys and girls 13 to 18 and includes skills development. There will be Dance and Cheer workshops for Girls at the same time. Snacks and drinks will be provided. To participate contact teen@bgcmartin.org or check out [facebook.com/BGCMartin County](https://www.facebook.com/BGCMartinCounty).

Steve and Heidi can be reached at 545-1255.

50-50 was sold by Jim Horstman and won by Harry Lerch and donated to help underwrite the Basketball Clinic.

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