



THE SUNRISE CIRCUIT

Newsletter of the
Stuart Sunrise Rotary Club, Florida

News for March 31st, 2016 Business Meeting.

Meeting was called to order by President Jenny Esler. Pledge was led by Butch Bayley and Prayer was given by Jane Mills. Gary Damen announced that Dr. Barbara Anderson had passed away. Her service will be at Christ Fellowship on Pratt-Whitney Road near South Fork at 11 a.m. on Saturday.

Sue Whittington and Ellen Peitz led the induction of our newest member Carol Davis! Carol is an executive with Brookdale Senior Living in Stuart. She and her husband live in Rustic Hills and are into boating and camping. Their 4 grandsons keep them both busy. Welcome Carol.

Rotary Leadership Institute is set for Vero Beach on April 16th. For more info contact Harry Lerch who will be attending.

Vocational Spotlight

Elmira Gainey was our Vocational Spotlight speaker today. She moved to Port Salerno in 1962 from Ormond Beach. She served the community as a school teacher, a coach, a counselor and school administrator over the years. She has led several community programs including the Martin County Health Systems Board and served as an outstanding County Commissioner. She continues to be involved in her church, real estate and improving the quality of life of everyone she meets! (She also serves on the public affairs committee of the MC Board of Realtors!) We are blessed to have her in our club.

Happy and Sad

The vaudeville team of Gonzalez and Moriarty dazzled us with their showmanship and ability to extract dollars from club members and guests. Sports dollars were flying for Syracuse and UNC. Visitors were Dave Kennedy from Syracuse and John Bracken from Stony Point. Gary Damen had a BIG Birthday Check. Jenny announced the Elliott's annual car show this Sunday and invited us all to sign up for the Gala at Audi on Saturday night. www.elliottmuseum.org Jenny also announced a fundraiser for Florida Oceanographic Society in memory of Barbara Trimble. A Golf Tournament will be held at Champions Club on Friday, April 8th. Check out FOS web site at www.FloridaOcean.org.

Paul Salazar had knee surgery this week and is recovering. His spirits are good and he will be back in business soon!

Two of our realtor members had closings this week! Happy days are here again!

Interact Club

Mike Costopoulos introduced Honorary Rotarian Debbie Kohuth, Director of the Clark Advanced Learning Center. Debbie announced that Clark was just named the number 1 High School in the state! The Interact Club is moving forward with their fundraising efforts and their community activities. She described the "Change for Change" effort that is helping to underwrite their efforts. (We contributed over \$61. Thanks, Rotarians!) The next big event is the April 30th Water Day in Martin County. The Club members are volunteering at Lahia and have a established an e-mail pen pal program with an Interact club in Germany

Two of the Interact members have applied to attend the Rotary Youth Leadership conference April 20-24.

Financial State of the Club

Treasurer Keith Charlton reported that the club has \$11,462 in our operating budget and about \$4500 in the Club savings account. Keith said that beginning July 1 the club will put a reminder on our quarterly bills urging us to also contribute to Rotary International Foundation. Paul and Brenda cochaired our RI Foundation fundraising and over 40% of the members our now participating at some level. Our club members have contributed \$2700 to date this year. Good Job!

Dave Shoaf reported on the Stuart-Sunrise Rotary Foundation's health. The Foundation is a 501c3 that allows us to receive donations and share them with local and global programs.

Our income this Rotary year has been \$16,813 and our expenses are \$17,059 to date. Our college scholarships have accounted for \$10,800 while Habitat for Humanity! The Library Foundation of Martin County and our dictionary project have received the balance.

We have also given \$2,000 to Ak Tenamit for the water and sanitation grant providing a sanitary water supply, and infrastructure to provide solar energy for the girl's dormitory, the computer lab and offices. We are teaming with 12 other Rotary clubs in North America as well as receiving matching grants from our District 6930 and Rotary International.

The Foundation has a balance of \$99,305. The Foundation is establishing an endowment of \$60,000 to provide more income for our giving.

Jim Taylor was elected to the Foundation board to replace Dr. Bill Tozzo.

Be a Tourist in Stuart team expands.

Chris Shoaf displayed a tracking board for our prize collection effort for the 3 prizes to be awarded. He is also going to email a list to all members of last year's donations. Thanks to Tom and Sue Whittington for their gifts this week.

He also announced that Ellen Peitz and Elmira Gainey are chairing the Kickoff event in May. Ken Furcron is working on printing the tickets, posters and brochures.

50-50 was sold by Gene Van Curen and won by Elmira!



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