



THE SUNRISE CIRCUIT

Newsletter of the
Stuart Sunrise Rotary Club, Florida

May 12, 2016

Every member was greeted at the door by our newest member Carol Davis. Thanks, Carol!

Meade Rankin manned the 50-50 table while Keith Charlton collected dues and performed other treasurer duties.

The Pledge was led by Bob Swan who returned from 5 weeks "On the Road" as Charles Kuralt used to say. The Prayer was given by Mike Costopoulos.

Past President Scott Simmons was welcomed back to the club and presented with a new badge. Scott has had one shoulder repaired and awaits surgery on the other within the month. Welcome back, Scott.

President Jenny reminded us of some key dates coming up:

Saturday, May 14 from 8am to 3pm (with breakfast first) is our District Assembly; while there is a modest fee, all Rotarians are welcome; but attendance is vital for next year's officers; I urge all to attend

Thursday June 23 - Saturday, June 25 is our District Conference at the Hutchinson Island Marriott Resort; it will be a rare opportunity, Regional Rotary excitement in our own back yard! We are joining with other Martin County clubs and hosting a reception Thursday night at the Elliott!

Thursday, June 30 from 6:30 - 9 pm will be our own Installation Dinner Cruise, a free cruise on the beautiful Indian River Inlet with light dinner, a cash bar, and a starlit romantic evening. Contact Mike Costopoulos to make reservations.

Gary invited Rotarians to join him at PBI on Saturday evening to welcome back the Honor Flight members. He will drive!

Gene Van Curen read thank you notes from our scholarship winners who joined us last week at our meeting. He also announced that last year's winner Savannah Krevitz graduated Summa Cum Laude from IRSC with an AA degree in elementary education. She hopes to begin teaching in the fall.

Roc thanked everyone for turning out for the **Habitat for Humanity** project in Hobe Sound. New skills were identified for Rick and Beth Zurich and there was even a cameo appearance by Curly, Moe and Larry. The group was joined by the Interact Club members from Clark Technology Center and their advisor Deb Kohuth.

Speaking of Dr. Brian, he asked me to let everyone know that **Bingo** has been moved to next Wednesday night, the 18th, at Sand Hill Cove from 6 to 7. It is a fun night, so join Brian and his merry band of number callers!

We welcomed guests Jim and Jenny O'Donnell from northern California and Deb Fiske from Stuart as well as our own John Bracken.

Brian collected Happy and Sad dollars from John Bracken, the Whittingtons for bartending and their 6th anniversary this Sunday, Carol for her houseguests who came and went, Mike had a birthday check and Ellen for a picture in Luminaries with her sister Joann.

Chris Shoaf said that he had a happy buck for Hap for buying the first ticket for Be a Tourist in Stuart and a prize from the Felden Institute at IRSC that Ellen brought in.

Tickets are available from Chris if you need any for departing "Snow Birds".

Register for the Rotary International conference next May in Atlanta, GA. If you sign up now you can save big bucks while enjoying one of the best events in Rotary! Check out www.Rotary2017convention.org for more details.

Build it and they will come.

Rotarian Dave Astras gave us an update on the expansion program at the Hospital at Tradition. Opened in 2014, the 90 bed facility is already operating at capacity and plans to have doubled the size of the hospital and added additional facilities by 2018.

Dave pointed out that the hospital had 22,000 visits to the Emergency room in the 2015 and they expect to exceed 30,000 by the end of this year. They are also adding a catherization lab at the front of the building and 3 more floors of patient rooms to the existing structure.

John Peavy, Construction Manager for Rogers and Morton, pointed out some of the challenges of expanding an operating medical facility without reducing the quality of care. The firm specializes in medical facilities and has developed sophisticated work and tracking software to assure that schedules and staff are operating at top efficiency. Presently there are over 250 construction staff on the job with over 70% from our local area.

While the construction for this phase will be wrapped up by 2018, the growth in the area is projecting that the facility will be fully utilized by 2022. Phase 3 will add another 7 bed tower to the site.

50-50 was sold by Meade Rankin and won by Sue Whittington!

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