



## **THE SUNRISE CIRCUIT**

Newsletter of the  
Stuart Sunrise Rotary Club, Florida

May 19, 2016

Meeting was called to order by President Jenny at 7:30. Fifty-fifty tickets were sold by Brenda Gerdes and Tom Whittington filled in for Keith in the Treasurers spot. Thanks, Folks!

Larry Lavargna led the pledge while Jane Mills gave the invocation.

### **Dates to Remember**

Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> Habitat for Humanity workday in Indiantown. Rock Fiore, Coordinator.

Club Board Meeting next Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, following our usual meeting.

Thursday June 23 - Saturday, June 25 is our District Conference at the Hutchinson Island Marriott Resort; it will be a rare opportunity for 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.

Scholarships Chair Gene Van Curen read a thank you note from one of our 2014 winners. She is now a student at Univ. of Florida working on fine art and design degree!

### **Be A Tourist update**

Chris announced that Tom Whittington had come through again with a weekend stay at the Marriott Courtyard! Thanks, Tom. Look for an announcement next week on kickoff party!

### **District Conference**

Over 5 of our members (6) participated in the Rotary 6930 District training conference. We heard from our incoming District Governor Eric Gordon who put on his best shoes to present the 2016-2017 theme "Rotary Serving Humanity" to us. He will visit our club on Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Other workshops covered public Image, Membership, Secretary Training, and our District and club software package. Our attendees included Mike C., Larry, PE Harry, President Jenny, VP Kathy Lockhart and Dave Shoaf.

**The 2017 International Conference** in Atlanta has a great price break for those who register before June 6. **\$200 off!** Check out [www.rotaryconvention2017.org/welcome](http://www.rotaryconvention2017.org/welcome) for more info.

**John Gonzalez** was introduced by Dr. Brian to the club. Happy and Sad dollars galore were collected for photos in the paper, Gary's trip to PBI to welcome back the Honor Flight veterans, other successes as well. Dr. Rex and John Fedorek made major contributions for missed meetings. Rex was in North Carolina while John got to visit Ohio! Yellow polo shirts were out of favor and Ellen is visiting a young man in Orlando! Sue's son was laid off from his Engineering Job before the first day, Chris and John G gave dollars for a new house in Monarch. Deb Fiske had a happy buck for her husband's new invention Suds n Toss! More info to follow.

Jenny thanked Rotary members who have helped the Elliott out with financial support recently. (You know who you are!)

### **Center for Constitutional Values**

Gene introduced Kate Boland to the club. Kate has served as an executive in State and Federal government as well as VP at the National Association of Homebuilders. Since moving to Hobe Sound she has become active in the Martin County Chamber Leadership class 25, was past president of the Martin County Republican Party and serves on the board of directors of Habitat for Humanity and is one of the Founding members of the Center for Constitutional Values.

The group's primary program is an Education and Scholarship Program to help students improve their knowledge of the Constitution and challenge them to demonstrate their understanding of its meaning and relevance today.

The Center developed and created a major high school program to raise the awareness of key issues affecting all our lives. Using a debate format the Center offered student teams at the 4 high schools in Martin County a debate competition. Each team had to be ready to debate either side of an issue of constitutional importance from today's news. The first debate was won by the team from Martin County High and Clark Advanced Technology Center. The 2 teams faced off at a debate at City Hall in Stuart. Winner of this debate were recipients of college scholarships.

The Center also sponsors a speaker series open to the public that brings noted scholars and thoughtful commentators to our community to discuss the Constitution and current policy issues.

For more info check out Facebook.com/CenterforConstitutionalValues or [ccvmartincounty@gmail.com](mailto:ccvmartincounty@gmail.com).

"A well instructed people alone can be permanently a free people". - James Madison

**Fifty-fifty** was sold by Brenda and won by Carol Davis.

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