



## **THE SUNRISE CIRCUIT**

Newsletter of the  
Stuart Sunrise Rotary Club, Florida

May 5, 2016

Meeting was called to order by President Jenny. She welcomed our scholarship winners to this meeting! Pledge was led by Butch Bayley and the Prayer was given by Harry Lerch. Roc reminded us that first Habitat Work Day is this Saturday in Hobe Sound.

### **Vocational Star**

**John Fedorek** was our member who talked about his career today. John grew up in Oil City, Pa about 60 miles north of Pittsburgh. He attended Clarion College where he majored in business and specialized in accounting. He joined a regional accounting firm and spent the first few years doing auditing of small businesses. One of the firm's clients was DeBartolo Construction. The company was an early builder of shopping malls and was quite successful. The firm today now owns the San Francisco 49ers which makes for lots of interesting accounting clients and subjects. After 9 years with Hill Barth and King John was offered the opportunity to open an office for the firm in Stuart, FL. John had a busy first year in Stuart as he made partner in his firm, got married to Wanda and became a Rotarian. Over the years he has served as president of the Stuart-Sunrise Rotary, Chair of the YMCA, an officer in the Palm City Chamber and presently serves on the board of Martin Memorial Hospital. He is also Treasurer of our local Rotary Foundation. He and Wanda live in Palm City.

### **Happy and Sad**

John collected bucks from our members for their announcements. Larry Lavargna had happy bucks for his son who graduated from FSU Law School. Sue had a daughter and a son graduating from IRSC and South Florida., Chris and Dave had happy bucks for niece/granddaughter graduating from James Madison Univ. Paul Salazar's children are going to graduate school in London.

John Gonzalez was praised for his continuing support for Tykes and Teens. Jenny had happy bucks for "The Great Give" that raised over \$2 million for Palm Beach and Martin County Charities. (Also a happy buck or two for her husband's visit this weekend from Nashville).

### **Be a Tourist in Stuart**

Chris Shoaf announced the tickets are available for our Fundraiser. Tom Whittington picked up the first 10 and Hap was next in line! So step up and bring your checks and any donations you have picked up!

### **Four Scholarships awarded to Martin County Students.**

Gene Van Curen welcomed our Scholarship winners and their families to our meeting.

We gave 3 two year scholarships valued at \$2400 a year.

We had two students from Martin County High School.

Madilyn Amico, comes from a large family and has 5 siblings. She has chosen Stetson University in Deland for her college studies. Madilyn has developed a love for photography during her high school years. In fact she has sold photographs from one of the art shows in which she participated. She has been involved in volunteer projects such as summer camp counseling and is now working at Chipotle.

Leah Nicotra is from Martin County High School as well. She has been involved in medical related classes there and has worked at Martin Memorial, and urgent care facilities in our area. She has volunteer hours with the Red Cross and works part time at Duffy's restaurant in Stuart. She is working at developing her hospitality skills there. She plans to attend the University of Central Florida and study medicine.

Nicholas Ferraro was our South Fork winner. Nick has been a member of the marching and concert bands at South Fork. He was also in the Drama Club. He has volunteered with the Boys and Girls Clubs. He helped establish the Drama Club at Anderson Middle School. He is a CNA graduate and has worked at Martin Memorial North. He is working at Dunkin Donuts this spring. His interest in medicine and people is helping set a path in Pre-Med or biochemistry. Nick plans to attend Florida Atlantic University in the fall.

Jamie Chapogas gave a \$2400 scholarship in memory of her mother, Stacy Chapogas, to Naomi Loudor a graduate of Clark Advanced Technology Center at IRSC.

While Naomi was born in Indiantown, her parents were Haitian, so her first language was Creole. Like most children of immigrants, she did not learn English until she attended kindergarten. To this day, English class is extremely difficult as she is missing much of the foundation, yet she always reaches out for help. Her father died when she was a baby. The people she introduced as her parents and sister at our meeting are actually her neighbors /guardians. When she was 9, her mother went to Haiti to help her family there, and left her in the care of her neighbor for the week. Her mother died unexpectedly while in Haiti. The neighbors have cared for her since. Naomi has spent her teenage years helping all kinds of people who she deems less fortunate, truly exemplifying our motto of "Service Above Self". This passion has driven her to choose Social Work as her career choice and she would like to contribute to her community by returning once she has her degree. She has completed several college classes through dual enrollment at IRSC. She hopes to continue her studies at FAU.

Thanks to the Scholarship Committee for all their hard work again this year. We have provided over \$150,000 in scholarships over the years.

**50 -50** was sold by Hap Mills and won by Meade (Lucky) Rankin. Way to go, Meade. See you at 7 next week to sell!

### **Dates to Remember!**

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!

Thursday, June 30 from 6 – 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.  
Have a great week in the Happiest Coastal Town in America!

