



## **THE SUNRISE CIRCUIT**

Newsletter of the  
Stuart Sunrise Rotary Club, Florida  
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**September 8, 2016**

Harry called the meeting to order at 7:30. Pledge was led by Rex Sentel and the prayer by Ellen Pietz.

### **Announcements**

Harry welcomed visiting Rotarian Fred Strader from Meredith, New Hampshire and Ginger Sneed lately of Marathon, now of Stuart.

He announced that Scott Simmons is moving and has regretfully submitted his resignation.

Next week Julia Babbitt will visit the club with exchange student Pico who is from Poland.

The next Board meeting will be September 22.

Sue Whittington has outlined a wonderful marketing strategy.

Mike Costopoulos is working on the Boys and Girls club with regard to Rotakids, Interact and with the Youth Exchange.

Hap Mills reported that dictionaries will arrive on September 27 and will be distributed the second week in October. In between those dates we need to put labels in the books.

Paul Salazar shared a Rotary Foundation moment. In 1912 Arch Klumpf proposed the establishment of an endowment. The first donation was \$26.50 from the Rotary club of Kansas City. The first grant made was \$500 to what is now Easter Seals.

Brenda Gerdes reported that district grants were approved.

Later in the meeting, John Fedorek reported that three more tickets had been sold and that we received tickets to the Seafood Festival for prizes. In addition Geoffrey Smith will donate a tour of his studio and a small turtle sculpture.

Jenny described a service project at the Museum on Saturday, September 17 from 8 to 11 AM during International Coastal Clean Up Day. The Museum will be creating a community art project with plastic picked up from the beach that day and asked for help from the club staffing the collection table.

Sue said that Debbie Kohuth from Clark Learning Center asked us for support for the walk to prevent suicide. See below for her message:

Wondering too if you may pass along a request for donations for the upcoming Out of Darkness walk I will be part of along with a Clark team for Suicide Awareness?

We have a student at Clark whose family is sponsoring the September 10 walk due to their loss of her Dad not too many years ago.

Many lives of families and friends are touched by suicide, and with a goal of increasing awareness of support, we aim to lessen the rate of suicides.

Thanks for any networking you may provide to have donations made to this cause.

Link:[http://afsp\\_donordrive.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=donordrive.participant&participantID=1061334](http://afsp_donordrive.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=donordrive.participant&participantID=1061334)

### **Happy and Sad Dollars**

Brian Moriarty collected a banner flag from visiting Rotarian Fred Strader, and found out that Ginger is looking for a club!! (Everyone, please be very nice to her.)

Rotary trivia for the day—how many dictionaries were distributed by Rotarians last year? The answer: 2 million. (We gave out 600 of those.)

Happiness reigned supreme. Jim Horstman has 17 days. Rex Sentell was happy that Eastern Tennessee beat Appalachian State. With the "Jim Taylor" rule that everyone at the table has to contribute to happy dollars, Roc said that he changed his wallet to the pocket he could reach. Sue Whittington hoped that Tennessee does not beat Virginia Tech. Tom Whittington was happy for Sue, and for the new Manatee Yacht Marina opening soon. Gene Van Curen was happy that his granddaughter is winning at volleyball.

John Fedorek was happy that he got to sit with two ladies this morning. Ginger was happy that Sue and Dave responded to her request for information about the club when she reached out. Vic claimed the Jim Taylor rule. Hap was happy that he got back \$3 that he loaned someone for Happy Dollars. Jane was happy to get her house back, and that she is finding things she mislaid. Kathy put in an IOU because she just returned from a trip to Colorado. Harry was happy that Gene Van Curen chose a speaker for today (which is Harry). Mike was happy for our two guests. Jim Taylor paid for Kathy's IOU and expressed sadness that Gary was not yet returned to us. Bill contributed to the Jim Taylor rule. Visiting Rotarian Fred invited everyone to his club's fund raiser which is an ice fishing tournament on February 2, 2017. Jenny was happy about a possible club service project and that the family of Rotary event was going to be at the Museum on September 15. Brenda was happy that she and Paul were going to the four corners area for two weeks to take pictures. Paul echoed that. Ellen was happy that she is re-doing her kitchen, and that she will be spending Grand parents day in Orlando with her grandchildren. Keith was happy about the Hurricanes victory. Jim Taylor said "Go Penn State!" And Rainbow Dave put in a dollar.

For the FIRST TIME EVER, every person in the room contributed to Happy Dollars!!

President Harry Lerch gave the program. He shared some of his Rotary experiences. First, he shared an experience told by Jim Buchanan who was a District Governor in Maryland. Jim was on a trip to Denmark visiting Elsinore Castle. But it was closed. He noticed a limo parked in front, so he went over and struck up a conversation with the driver. He noticed the driver was wearing a Rotary pin and asked him his classification. He said "King." What? Said Jim? It turned out it was the King of Denmark who explained he was waiting in the car while his wife gave a tour to visiting dignitaries. "We are all leaders, we are all Kings," said Harry. As Rotarians we are all representative of our classifications.

Second he shared a story about John Sevier, the father of Polio Plus. In 1977, the newly-elected President of the Potomac Rotary, John was an epidemiologist with the National Institute of Health. He was called by Clem Renault (sp?). Small pox had just then been successfully wiped out

through vaccines for \$100 million and Clem asked John for another disease that they could wipe out. Vaccines for Polio had just gotten to the point where they were viable for this, and he suggested Polio. He was sure Rotary could raise \$100 million Seventeen years later, at the Calgary convention, the Rotary International Chair shared the highpoint of his experience being meeting the Pope who thanked him for saving the world's children. Rotary has raised more than \$100 million through Polio Plus—it is up to \$6.4 billion now.

Third, he shared how much he admired the unique combination of talented and dedicated people in our club. One was the late Renee Scherbaum. During a vocational minute, Renee told a story about creating a series of top salons in New York City after immigrating to the United States with nothing in his pocket. He ended up catering to the stars. Once, a famous woman came in and made a comment to him about not wanting a woman of color to work with her. Renee told her to leave his salon and not to return. Harry admired that courageous act.

These are the moments when he became a Rotarian, not just a member of the club.

The meeting concluded at 8:30 AM with the repetition of the Four Way Test.

The 50/50 was sold by Ellen Pietz and won by Sue Whittington

#### **For Your Information**

##### **Elected Officers 2016-17**

Harry Lerch, President  
Kathy Lockhart, President-Elect  
Mike Costopoulos, VP  
Keith Charlton, Treasurer  
Larry Lavargna, Treasurer

##### **Lane Chairs**

Club Service/PR Dave Shoaf (Mentor – Sue Whittington)  
Speakers: Gene VanCuren  
Membership: Dave Guizerix  
Community Service – Dr. Brian Moriarty  
New Generations – Mike Costopoulos ( Mentor – Jane Mills)  
Dictionaries – Hap Mills  
Interact – Debbie Kohuth  
RYLA – Rock Fiore  
RI Foundation – Brenda Gerdes & Paul Salazar  
Sunshiners – Gary Damen & Carol Davis

##### **Nearby Rotary Club Meetings**

Stuart Noon – Wednesday 12 noon, Dolphin Bar and Fish House  
Hobe Sound/ Port Salerno – Friday 7:15, Champions Golf Club at Summerfield  
Jupiter/Tequesta – Tuesday Noon at Mangrove Bay, Jupiter

##### **Web Sites**

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