



THE SUNRISE CIRCUIT

Newsletter of the
Stuart Sunrise Rotary Club, Florida
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The meeting was called to order by **President Kathy Lockhart** at 7:30 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Paul Salazar** and **Dave Guizerix** led the prayer.

President Kathy asked **Tom Whittington** and **Tom Gallub** to join her at the podium. Tom Whittington inducted Fr. Tom Gallub as a new member of Stuart Sunrise Rotary Club. Tom has vast Rotarian experience since joining in 1980. He has served as President and many other leadership positions in various clubs. He has visited Clubs around the world and has always found that the Rotary Four Way Test is very similar to the Golden Rule. Tom left us with that wonderful thought and several Rotarians indicated if Fr. Tom's sermons are that short and thoughtful, they may well be visiting his parish! Welcome Tom.

President Kathy asked for **announcements** from Board members:

Elmira Gainey reminded Rotarians about the Community Health Fair to be presented by Martin Health System on Saturday, October 7th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the 10th Street Complex in East Stuart. Elmira would appreciate Rotarians coming and supporting the event. Please wear your Rotary shirts. (Flyer attached)

Jack Langhorne reminded the crowd how efficient and effective Rotarians were last week while labeling student dictionaries to be distributed to third graders this month. Great work!

Rock Fiore was welcomed back and reported about RYLA. Local high schools have been notified and Principals are looking for good candidates for recruitment. The budget will support four students this year. The deadline for applications is October 31st.

Keith Charlton reminded Rotarians that the Golf Tournament originally scheduled for November 4th has been postponed to the Spring. Date has not yet been chosen but will be announced as soon as possible.

Mike Costopoulos reminded the Club that the Raffle Kick-Off will be held October 20th at the Elliott Museum. Wine is still needed. Chris Shoaf added that "Dancing" Dr. Brian will be helping Chris enhance the Facebook page to attract more donors to the cause.

President Kathy announced the Board of Directors meeting will be hosted at her home on October 10th. Please RSVP to President Kathy as to your attendance.

Sergeant-At-Arms

Kathy then invited stand-in Sergeant-At-Arms **Dave Guizerix**, subbing for Joe Connolly to the podium.

Dave's jokes are improving! Dave was assisted by **Mike Costopoulos** who was recruited as "toileteer". Happy dollars for sports, gratitude, returning vacationing Rotarians CART fund dollars were collected. Sad dollars for the Las Vegas tragedy were offered. **Brenda's** relative lost her best friend in the terrible event. On a bright note, **Larry Lavargna** and son Tony will travel to Maine to welcome son **Danny** as he completes his awesome trek of the Appalachian Trail! Congratulations to the entire family on Danny's accomplishment!

Program

Sue Whittington introduced Rotarian **Carrie Lavargna** and her law partner **Tony Lavargna** of Lavargna Law PLLC. Carrie and Tony are both native Floridians. Carrie graduated from Florida State with her undergraduate degree, University of Florida Law, and taught law at University of Miami. She started her career practicing real estate law and now specializes in estate planning. Tony graduated from University of Central Florida and earned his law degree from FSU. Tony was an Eagle Scout!

Lavargna Law specializes in a practical and reasonable approach to estate planning. Carrie first addressed the importance of having up to date Emergency Contact Information on our Florida Drivers Licenses. Back in 2005 there was a tragic accident that took the life of a young girl. It was hours before the parents were notified and the delay prevented them from saying their last goodbyes to their daughter. As a result of their tragedy, the mother began pushing for emergency information to be added to driver's license or identification card information. You can update your information and have emergency numbers listed at: <https://services.flhsmv.gov/eci/>.

Next Carrie addressed Health Care Surrogate and HIPAA issues. She explained that in Martin County we have many health care professionals who use common sense as a guide. However, when we travel we may not have the same sensitivity in dealing with health care professionals. Carrie explained it is critically important for college students to have a Health Care Surrogate and that laws have been updated to have Health Care Surrogate for minor children.

A Living Will helps individuals make their own choices for end of life issues. Clear communication to all children is necessary to avoid problems between siblings.

Tony then discussed Durable Power of Attorney which allows surrogates to address financial issues. He also discussed Living Trust and how it is one of the oldest concepts in law. He talked about the difference between a Living Trust and Guardianship, where the judge has to get involved in approving expenditures for very basic personal needs. Tony's focus is working with young family planning. He explained there are lots of good options/alternatives to protect a young family.

Carrie continued Tony's theme and reiterated his point of how important it is for young families to plan. Even a simple will with a contingent children's trust will determine who manages the money and who takes care of the children.

Lastly Carrie addressed Special Needs Trusts that map out how a child with disabilities will be cared for. One interesting item was if a disabled child receives Social Security Disability, an inheritance must be put into the Special Needs Trust or they may lose benefits, including medical. Carrie and Tony are passionate about helping people plan for the future by insuring the wills, trusts and other paperwork are in order.

A very spirited Q&A addressed many questions including the "laughing heir" situation. Carrie and Tony can be reached at [772-286-7521](tel:772-286-7521). Handouts are attached.

Important Dates

October 20 – Kick off for the Rotary Raffle at the Elliott Museum

October 21 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. – Rotary Leadership Institute (Courses 1, 2 and 3) to be held at the Volen Center, 1515 West Palmetto Park Road in Boca Raton. More info at www.rotarydistrict6930.org. Registration cut-off is October 11th.
October 26 --District Governor Dave Freudenberg's official visit
November 4 -- Rotary Grants Seminar will take place in Vero Beach.
March 2, 2018 is the *Rotary Raffle reception* and drawing for the grand prize. This event is being held at the Riverside Pavilion at Sailfish Marina on St. Lucie Blvd. More details to come.
Jun 2-6 District Conference round trip Key West/Havana Cruise

Rock Fiore won the 50/50 sold by Dave Guizerix

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Peitz