



Stuart-Sunrise Rotary Highlights for November 9th

Meeting was opened by President Kathy. Pledge was led by Gene VanCuren and the prayer was given by Elmira Gainey.

Our guest this week was Howard Kittell, spouse of Jenny Esler, who was here for the Elliott Gala.

<u>Sue Whittington</u>was named Outstanding National Volunteer Fundraiser by the Association of Fundraising Professionals on Wednesday! Congratulations Sue and thanks for all you do for Rotary and your other volunteer interests!

- 11/13-20 Ride to End Polio! Join Kathy, Roc and Dave G. working to raise \$600 + for the event.
- 11/14 Board Meeting at 5:30 Tuesday at President Kathy's.
- 11/16 Rotary Meeting at 7:30 Kim Waser of the QitDoc Foundation.
- 11/23 Happy Turkey Day No Meeting!
- 11/30 State Senator Denise Grimsley
- Salvation Army Bell Ringers. 12/2

CART Donation Set

Dave Seyffart, CART Chair, reported that we have raised over \$219 for Alzheimer's research in the first quarter. Dave sold and won 50-50 so he added \$24 in winnings to CART.

Vocational Spotlight

Native Floridian Keith Charlton attended U of Miami. He worked for Arthur Anderson consulting early in his career, then owned gas stations in South Miami and the Keys and sold telecommunication products before ending up at Plastridge Insurance where he helps the hospitality industry meet their insurance needs. (I believe Sue presented him with a beverage following the Miami - Hokies game last week.)

Rotary Foundation Month

Paul showed us a video of Rotary's efforts to build and staff a school in Sao Paulo, Brazil to serve the deaf children there. Brenda reminded us to bring our change to the meeting each week to help eradicate Polio.

Festival of Trees and Lights set

Paula Hundt and Lauren Espisita outlined the plans for the 10th year of this fundraiser. The weeklong event benefits Tykes and Teens efforts to strengthen local families and prevent suicide and substance abuse in teens. Last year they provided over \$600,000 worth of professional help to students in 14 schools.

The trees will be displayed at Flagler Place in downtown Stuart from the 24th to the 2nd of December. Free events include Family Day on Sunday and Breakfast with Santa on Saturday. Special events include Joy to the Girls! Ladies night and a Champagne Tea. There are several Rotarians involved in this effort including Ellen Peitz, Sue Whittington, Dave Guizerix and more! For more information visit www.tykesandteens.org.

<u>Fundraiser tickets promise travel and more for 3 lucky winners.</u>

Pick up those Raffle Tickets from Gene next week. Have them in your pocket for Holiday sharing - \$25 each or 5 for \$100! Tickets make Wonderful hostess gifts!