



THE SUNRISE CIRCUIT
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Stuart Sunrise Rotary Meeting – September 21, 2017

The meeting was called to order with a welcome back post IRMA by **President Kathy Lockhart** at 7:30am.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **HB Barrett** and the prayer by **Rich Zurich**.

President Kathy announced that in lieu of a formal program this meeting would serve as a Club Assembly. She then welcomed stand-in Sergeant-At-Arms **Dave Guizerix** who was subbing for Joe Connolly to the podium.

Dave did a great job welcoming visiting Rotarians, Interact members and collecting birthday checks from Sue Whittington and Jane Mills. Happy Birthday to you both! Many happy dollars were collected for well thought out Irma escape plans – with Portugal being the furthest traveled to escape the storm. In addition Rotarians were happy for potential new members, FPL crews, Carrie and Larry’s son who is just 300 miles away from completing his trek of the Appalachian Trail, and our very own Dr. Brian holding first place for his fundraising efforts for Saturday’s **Dancing with the Martin Stars!**

Please Note: The ARC Craft Beer Festival which was to be held 9/23 at the Martin County Fairgrounds has been **cancelled**. Thanks to Rotarians who stepped up to volunteer. You now have a free Saturday!

Committee Updates

Hap Mills reported on the **Dictionary Project**. Volunteers are asked to stay after the meeting next Thursday to paste Rotary labels into dictionaries that will be distributed to third graders. Team Leaders should be contacting the Principals of assigned schools to set up date for Rotarians to visit and distribute dictionaries the week of October 16th, which is National Dictionary Day!

Gene VanCuren reported on **Programs**. Gene has programs scheduled through February. Rotarians are looking forward to next week meeting featuring sculptor Geoffrey Smith who was described as a "National Treasure".

Tom Whittington reported on **Membership**. Tom introduced potential Rotarian Father Tom who is leader of Ascension Catholic Church, a non-Roman Catholic Church currently worshipping at the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church on US1. Fr. Tom explained that his Church is a small, progressive, modern Catholic Church. Fr. Tom submitted his paperwork for membership to the Board of Directors today. Tom recognized new Rotarians, **Jackie, HB, Carrie and Jason!** The future of Rotary is bright with these awesome additions to the Club. Great job Tom.

Jack Langhorne reported that the good health of Rotarians has kept the **Sunshine Committee** rather quiet. Be sure to alert Jack of any Rotarian who is ill or going through a difficult time and he will send greetings on behalf of the Club.

The "late" great **Elmira Gainey and Carol Davis** reported on **Community Service** and asked Rotarians to participate in 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.

Youth Services welcomed Interact members from the Clark Learning Center. The students sold "Coupons for Classrooms" books for \$25 with \$6 of that going to their Club. They are working at Lahia and have plans for a project for St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital. They passed the jar for "Change for Change" as well.

Sue Whittington and Keith Charlton reminded members that the **Club Corp Classic** will take place on November 3 at Monarch with an 11:30 a.m. shotgun start. Members can register on line or pick up a form at the next meeting. Get your foursome together and register!

Sue also reported that some fabulous prizes have been procured for the **Rotary Raffle**. Sue could use a stay at a Bed and Breakfast in Jensen so if you have any contacts, please get with Sue. The Kick-Off has been rescheduled for October 20 and the drawing will happen on March 2, 2018.

Special Announcements

Jackie Holfelder announced that she accepted a position as free lance Content Coordinator for the new publication, *Palm City Neighbors*. It is a glossy publication that will be mailed first class to residents of Palm City. Jackie is looking for families in Palm City to be featured on the cover of the monthly publication. Please get with her with your recommendations.

HB Barrett, who had a home in the Keys until quite recently, reported on what he has learned about Irma’s impact in the Keys. He discussed recovery progress with local infrastructure, utilities, roads and when officials would be allowing tourists back. Aside from what the media is reporting, the Keys are a bit better off than expected.

Make note of these important dates

- September 23 --Dr. Brian starring in *Dancing with the Martin Stars!* (drbrianmoriarty@gmail.com)
- September 28 --World Class local wildlife Sculptor Geoffrey Smith
- October 20 – Kick off for the Rotary Raffle at the Elliott Museum
- October 26 --District Governor Dave Freudenberg’s official visit
- November 3 -- ClubCorp Classic Golf Tournament and Raffle (Keith)
- 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 soon.
- Jun 2-6 District Conference round trip Key West/Havana Cruise

Rick Zurich had the winning 50-50 ticket but Rick will be on vacation next week so will not be able to sell! Tickets were sold today by Hap Mills.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Peitz