



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 **Rex Sentel** and the prayer by **Jack Langhorne**.

President Kathy passed around a sheet for Rotarians to update their contact information for the Rotary.org website.

Kathy announced that the Rotary Leadership Institute, Courses 1, 2 and 3 will be held Saturday, October 21st at the Volen Center, [1515 West Palmetto Park Road](#) in Boca Raton. The event will be presented from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. President Kathy will be attending and she invited other interested Rotarians to join her. More information can be found at www.rotarydistrict6930.org. Registration cut-off is October 11th.

A **Rotary Grants Seminar** will take place on November 4th in Vero Beach.

President Kathy announced that our very own **Dr. Brian Moriarty** was the winner of the coveted "mirror ball" trophy at Saturday's "Dancing with the Martin Stars!" Dr. Brian brought his trophy in for all to enjoy and he loved basking in the light of celebrity.

Kathy thanked Rotarians who purchased the *Coupons for Classrooms* from Interact students visiting last week.

Kathy then invited stand-in Sergeant-At-Arms **Dave Guizerix**, subbing for **Joe Connolly** to the podium. Dave began with a very bad joke which the gathering loved! Dave welcomed visiting Rotarians and guests. Dave collected happy dollars for Dr. Brian's win, Gary Damen's return, Interact support, football, golf bets, Alzheimer's research, Cubs baseball, Morgan Stanley, Sue's awesome prizes for the upcoming Rotary Raffle, Disney fun, grandchildren, Elliott programs and e-mail hacks!

Important Announcements

Chris from the Stuart Noon Rotary Club invited the group to a "Flavors of the Fall; A Wine & Dinner Affair" to be held on Saturday, October 21 at Mariner Sands. Cost is \$125 and space is limited. Reserve your place at stuartr Rotaryfl@gmail.com.

Hap Mills invited members to stay after the meeting for labeling of student dictionaries. **NEWSFLASH: Jack Langhorne** reported that the group stickered 27 dictionaries per minute for a total of 700 dictionaries in less than 30 minutes! Great job. Dictionaries will be distributed the week of October 16th.

Program

Harry Lerch had the privilege of introducing world renowned wildlife sculptor **Geoffrey Smith**. Harry described Geoffrey's work as it "uplifts soul and spirit". Geoffrey grew up in Northern California and graduated from Montana State University. In 1996, after an interaction with John Payson of Hobe Sound and becoming tired of the cold weather, he moved to Stuart Florida where he now lives with his wife and five children. His best-known work is that of the Stuart Sailfish, an 18 foot monument situated in downtown Stuart that serves as the iconic symbol of the city.

Smith began casting bronzes from the clay in 1984, after a successful career as a decoy carver. His upbringing on the northern California coast and later experiences in the wilds of Montana instilled a love of the natural world and a talent for patient observation of wildlife in its habitat. Nature and wildlife inspires much of his work.

Mr. Smith explained the casting process. All of his bronzes are yielded using the ancient lost-wax casting process, whereby a clay original of his creation is transformed at the foundry into an enduring bronze of limited issue. He invited the group to visit his studio in Port Salerno where the process is well described in an 8 minute video. The video features the beautiful Stuart Sailfish. For more information about Geoffrey Smith and his art, log onto www.geoffreysmith.com.

Important Dates

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

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

Dave Guizerix won the 50/50 sold by **Gene VanCuren**.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Peitz