



## **THE SUNRISE CIRCUIT**

Newsletter of the  
Stuart Sunrise Rotary Club, Florida  
[www.Stuart-SunriseRotary.Org](http://www.Stuart-SunriseRotary.Org)

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Meeting was opened by President Kathy, fresh from her European vacation! Pledge was led by Jim Taylor and the prayer was offered by Gene VanCuren.

### **Calendar**

May 24<sup>th</sup> Rotary Leadership Institute with PDG Arthur Hodge.  
June 1 District Awards Luncheon  
June 2 Rotary Workday set for Habitat for Humanity , 8-12  
June 7 Senator Joe Negron  
June 9 Beach Cleanup at House of Refuge, 9 a.m.  
June 12 Board Meeting

### **Announcements**

Rocky seeks more volunteers for June 2 workday at Habitat. Contact him at [rfiore@comcast.net](mailto:rfiore@comcast.net).

### **LAHIA Clothing Drive**

Here's the detailed list of what's needed at LAHIA (Love and Hope in Action) for a Stuart-Sunrise Rotary Clothing Drive.

- Men's shorts (longer shorts) under 42 waist (we get a lot of the bigger size)
- Men's denim and long work pants (Wrangler's, Lee, Dockers, Dickies ,etc.)
- Lightweight windbreakers
- Socks - white, black, or gray
- Work shoes/boots (size 8-12)
- Under-T-shirts - round and v-necks (dark colors)
- ALWAYS can use T-shirts for outer wear  
(They have plenty of button-down and polo shirts)
- Ladies underwear, bras, socks, capris (dark colors)

Please bring your donated clothing to the meeting over the next 4 weeks and I will be sure to deliver them to LAHIA.

### **Water Quality Conference in the Fall!**

Larry Lavargna is working to set up a joint conference with Rotarians in Fort Meyers to bring a more focused effort to the River Issues affecting both the east and west coasts of Florida. Details are fluid (as they should be for a water conference!)

### **Philanthropy makes the world a better place!**

Gene VanCuren mentioned that Americans give over \$390 Billion each year. That is equal to 2% of our GDP. It has been that much since 1954, according to the Philanthropy Roundtable. Individuals are the big donors providing 80% of that amount with 15% coming from foundations and 5% from corporations.

Americans tend to be 3 to 15 times more charitable as the citizens of other developed nations.

Americans volunteer their time as well as their money. Surveys show that 45 percent of Americans say they volunteer some time to a charitable cause last year. The state of Florida values those volunteer hours at more than \$20 per hour. In Martin County alone our RSVP Senior Corps donated 103,563 hours to 70 United Way Partner Agencies such as Big Brothers Big Sisters, Boys and Girls Club, House of Hope, The Kane Center and over 65 other agencies. The value of your time exceeds \$2.5 million!

Gene urged Rotarians and Interact members to keep up the "Good Work" and make a difference in the world.

### **Interact students Graduate!**

Five Interact Seniors received teal stoles to wear to their graduation on Friday. The stoles signify the student' service and participation in Interact. The graduates are: Megan Edmunds, Erika Holmes, Amad Moussa, Karisa Sater and Austin Matten. They were joined by Advisor Dr. Denisha Bonds and Debra Kohuth, Exec. Director of Clark Advanced Learning Center.

The club members discussed their projects for the past year and set some new goals. Events during the past year included volunteer hours and \$ for Leukemia research, Elev8Hope, LAHIA, and House of Hope.

Incoming Interact President Allison Falco said that the first project in September will be the Out of Darkness Suicide Awareness Walk on Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>. We are invited to join the students in this walk. More details will be forthcoming!

PS. Thanks to our members the club collected \$134 through their Change for Change Program and the money from the 50-50 was added!

Dave Shoaf, Editor