

# Rotary



# Club of Stuart-Sunrise

## Club Meeting

Stuart-Sunrise  
Meets at Banyan Creek  
Country Club  
1701 SW Crane Creek Ave  
Palm City, FL 34990  
Time: Thursday at 07:30  
AM

## Speakers

### October 03, 2024

[Golf tournament review,](#)  
[signup to help, dictionary](#)  
[labelling](#)

Fundraiser organizational  
meeting; dictionary school  
captains will take their  
books

### October 10, 2024

[Mike Dadko](#)  
Finding Family: Genealogy  
Journeys

### October 19, 2024

[Tee Off for the Future](#)  
[Charity Golf Tournament](#)

## Birthdays



Richard P. Zurich  
October 1st

==== Jeanette  
Dechabert  
October 4th

==== Linda Weiksnar  
October 16th

## Club Member Anniversaries

No Years Of Service  
Found

## Rotary News for September 26, 2024

By Beth Brownell

President Tom led the Pledge and Sue offered the invocation.

Welcome to our guests: Kerstin Weibull, District Governor Nominee Owen Robinson, from the West Palm Beach Club, Harry Lerch, former member of our club and three high school senior JROTC Cadets: Mathew Baer, Maria Diaz and Santiago Pacheco.

Congratulations to Sue for her successful stint on Dancing with the Stars, raising \$99,427 for Healthy Start.

Beth attended this week's Interact meeting. Clark Advance Learning admitted first-year students for the first time this year and several have joined Interact. The club plans to continue incorporating hands-on volunteer work with local non-profits. Officers will attend a future club meeting.

Beth outlined a potential new service project based on similar projects at other Rotary clubs. The Last Quarter Supply Closet will help solve the problem of classroom supply shortages during the last quarter of the school year at Warfield Elementary. Warfield staff will develop a wish list of what they need. Club members will contact Target, Walmart, Office Depot, Staples etc. for gift cards and do the shopping. Thanks to Lisa for bringing this service model from her club in MA. The goal is not to use club Foundation money for the project. It is necessary to find out if the local store managers have the discretion to give out gift cards or will it be necessary to go through their corporate administration. If going through corporate will be necessary, work will have to begin earlier. Beth asked members to step up and help explore whether that will be necessary.

John R. asked for help with sponsorships and foursomes for the golf tournament on October 19. There are two weeks left to get it done. We are looking for foursomes to be donated by local golf courses and if you can help with that, contact John. Teams are needed.

After next week's meeting, school captains for the dictionary project and a few other volunteers are asked to remain after the meeting and put the labels inside the books. School captains will then take theirs with them and arrange for them to be distributed.

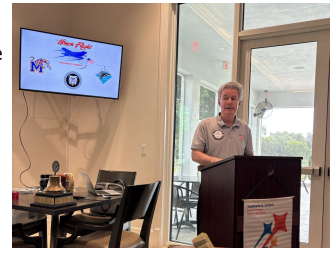
Two potential members will be attending next week.

Road clean-up Saturday. Meet at 8AM at Holy Redeemer Church in Palm City.

Happy Dollars were given by winners and losers in college and pro football. The Florida chapter of the Rams supports is happy this week. Linda went to Warfield Elementary to present a program to the 5th graders on the Constitution. Tom W spent all his money on Saturday night on drinks and 50/50 tickets. Chris and Noremi are truly empty nesters. Members were happy to see Harry Lerch. Sue survived Dancing with the Martin Stars, gave her birthday check to the Foundation, and will be entering retirement after 18 years at Morgan Stanley. Harry was happy to see old friends. John F is happy to be home from his trip and looking forward to going away again. John R. signed up for a 60-year-old and older softball team. Dave enjoyed his trip to see his 95-year-old father in the Finger Lakes in NY, and after experiencing delightful weather, Gerry is happy to be back in FL. JD enjoyed the Dancing with the Martin Stars event, especially Tom in his sparkly red jacket. Charles and Paula attended Dancing with the Martin Stars. Charles also relayed that his mother is under hospice care and family members have come from out of town to be together. Also, We Do Good and the Active Angler Foundation will be benefiting from the Treasure Coast Brewfest on November 2, so mark your calendars.

## Honor Flight 2024

Member HB Barrett gave an introduction to Honor Flight and how the three cadets were chosen to be guardians for the day for veterans experiencing the day in Washington DC. Honor Flight is a nonprofit that arranges flights and guardians travel with WW2, Korean and Vietnam veterans to Washington DC to view the changing of the guard at Arlington Cemetery and the various military memorials. The most recent Honor Flight, last weekend, received 4 water salutes at the airports- two in DC and two at PBI. Many veterans have never spoken about their time in the service and opened up to their guardians.



To be chosen, cadets in the JROTC programs at the three Martin County High Schools had to write a 500-word essay on why they wanted to be a guardian. The essays are given to certain club members, particularly veterans, to review and choose.

Matt Baer, who is the Air Force JROTC at Jensen Beach High School, provided guardian services for a helicopter pilot. As Matt is in the process of attaining his private pilot's license, he was particularly pleased to be able to have a lot in common with his veteran. Particularly moving was the Air Force memorial. Matt will be attending Emory Riddle and then join the Air Force.

Maria Diaz, who attends South Fork High School, is in the Army JROTC. Her veteran is a Vietnam veteran, and they shared a love of being in bands. Her veteran was especially moved by the receptions they received, especially at PBI where 1,000 people awaited them, including a band, to welcome them home.

Santiago Pacheco, who is in the Air Force JROTC at Martin County High School was paired with a Coast Guard veteran. As Santiago applied to the Coast Guard academy, this was a happy surprise. As they spent the day chatting, Santiago heard stories of his veteran's time in the Coast Guard and gained an appreciation for the sacrifices that veterans make for their country.

All three cadets were grateful to the club for granting them the opportunity of a lifetime.

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