

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

November 28, 2024
[Thanksgiving](#)

Birthdays



Dave Geller
November 10th



Carrie Straub
November 19th



Scott A Gilmour
November 20th



John Robitaille
November 20th

Club Member Anniversaries



Ken Furcron
12-01-1996
28 Years



Susan A Shirley
11-11-2022
2 Years

Rotary News for November 7, 2024

President Tom led the Pledge and Sue offered a heartfelt invocation of hope for the future and thankfulness for the opportunities for our club to be of service.

November is Foundation month and Tom reviewed some types of projects around the world, including tree planting to help the environment, working to clean water, helping with basic dental hygiene needs, and microcredit programs that allow people to start small businesses that support their families as well as others.

Festival of Giving update: Sue is hosting a 'Forced Fun' afternoon at her house at 816 SW Wood Creek Drive, Palm City to create decorations for and put together the club tree that will be displayed at the Children's Museum of the Treasure Coast. There will be adult beverages to ease the way. The museum added a twist to the event where attendees can 'vote' for their favorite trees and all funds collected by the votes will be given to the non-profit. There will also be direct donation opportunities. To help with the event, all groups are required to have volunteers during the week. To see the schedule and sign up, go to this link: [Festival of Giving volunteer sign up](#) Thank you, Sue, for putting this together. If you sign up, please let Beth know, so service hours can be credited.

The United Way is looking for volunteers for their Holiday Project on the fair grounds during the first three weeks of December. Historically, club members have signed up individually, to suit their schedules. Set up and organization begins in early December. The toy/bike/food give away is scheduled for Wednesday, December 18 and Thursday, December 19. Shifts are 8:45AM to 12:45PM and 12:30PM-4:30PM. Sign-ups will open to the public on November 13, so sign up before then to be sure to get a spot. Note on the form that you are with the Stuart Sunrise Rotary Club. It is a fun and fulfilling time. If you sign up, please let Beth know, so service hours can be credited. Here is the link: [United Way Holiday Project volunteer](#)

Happy Dollars collected today will go toward decorations for the tree.

At the dictionary distribution at Warfield Elementary, Max was so popular with the children he had to stay behind to autograph books!

Carrie sends thanks for the card the club sent to her. She is undergoing treatment and will be unable to attend meetings for the duration. Keep sending good thoughts and prayers her way.

The last day to sign up for RYLA is November 13.

Many thanks to those who signed up for the Social and Fundraising committees. Tom will be sending an organizational note to help get the groups off the ground. Meetings can be held after regular club meetings.

December 4 is the Holiday Village. Sign-ups will circulate next week. After the Nov 21 meeting, Linda will teach the simple children's craft that we will be presenting.

The Board of Directors will meet after next week's meeting-Nov 14.

Happy Dollars were given by Hap in honor of the wins by the Bills and Rams. Jane Shoaf got a new, gas-sipping car. HB described perfect weather for the most recent Honor Flight. Gene gave sad dollars for a terrible football week. Rick described how he connected friends who were on a 4-month tour of Europe's winemaking areas with Kathy, who was at her place in Portugal, and they participated in picking grapes. Nils reported that district giving to the Foundation is up. Charles reported a successful Brew Fest (over 50 breweries!) while raising funds for worthy causes.

Doug Jewett, Treasure Coast Community Singers

By Beth Brownell

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Doug, a graduate of the U. of Tennessee School of Music, has been working with people of all ages ever since. He discovered that participating in music provided social and emotional connections, particularly important for seniors. Once students graduate from high school, they no longer have a natural place to participate in singing.



The Treasure Coast Community Singers, which he started 22 years ago, is one of the ways people of all ages and abilities can connect while presenting music of many styles. The group, which currently has 150 singers of all ages, is a nonprofit. Unlike Europe where cities and countries support the arts, the US does not routinely. The group, which has received state grant money in the past, did not last year as there was no state grant money provided to the arts. As a result, their income comes exclusively from tickets and donations. Members also give back to the community by volunteering to sing at community events like the Festival of Giving and volunteering at events at the Kane Center.

The Treasure Coast Community Singers is but one of several local musical groups in the area, such as the Treasure Coast Symphony, the Indian River Pops and the Stuart Community Band. These groups mostly perform in church auditoriums as they have the best acoustics. Doug's wish is to have a 700 seat in-the-round performing arts center in the area, which would provide a place for local groups to perform.

Doug also presented info on two other projects: the Red Notebook project that provides a format for people to have all their critical information in one physical place so that access is easy for family members. The Legacy Video project allows seniors to preserve their life stories by having a video session which is then edited into a cohesive whole. This is then placed on a private YouTube channel for family members. Information on both these projects was provided.

Doug mentioned that years ago he received a Paul Harris award from our club, facilitated by Jack Langhorne, and he is very proud of the honor.
