

# 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

 Carrie Straub  
November 19th

 Scott A Gilmour  
November 20th

 John Robitaille  
November 20th

## Club Member Anniversaries

 Ken Furcron  
12-01-1996  
28 Years

## Rotary News for November 14, 2024

President Tom led the Pledge and Beth offered the invocation.

Pictures were shown of the tree decorating held at Whittington's. Football and adult beverages added to the creative atmosphere. The event is next week at the Children's Museum of the Treasure Coast. Beth and Tom will be attending Tuesday 4:30 and invited others to join them and perhaps go out to dinner afterward. More information is below.

The sign-up sheet for the Holiday Village on Mapp Rd Dec 4 was circulated. Set up at 4pm and the event runs from 5:30-8:00. After next week's meeting, Linda will demonstrate the painting craft we will be doing with the children. Even if you haven't signed up, please come out to a fun family event with food trucks, music and Mr and Mrs Claus.

The club is sending at least two students to the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards next week. An additional one applied after the deadline and is waiting to hear if they have been accepted. Thank you to Sue for recruiting two students and to Beth for providing the information to Clark Advanced Learning Center.

A sign-up sheet for the Salvation Army bell ringing circulated and will again next week. We will be at Publix in the Town Center on Martin Downs, Saturday Dec 7, from 10AM to 8PM.

Tom W. announced that the Treasure Coast Marine Industries holiday boat parade will be held mid-December. More information to come.

Dave S. shared that Ak'Tenamit recently graduated 185 students who will be productive members of Guatemalan society. For more information, their website is: [The Guatemala Tomorrow Fund](#)

Beth announced that Rotary International is working with Meta to stop the practice of Meta deactivating Rotary clubs' Facebook pages due to perceived copyright violations when clubs use the Rotary wheel as a profile photo. Beth has removed the wheel from our page and substituted a picture of Sue with her Rotarian at Work tee shirt on.

Tom thanked those who signed up for the social and fundraising committees. He will send out an organizing email within a week. Anyone who would like to join, contact Tom.

Happy Dollars were given for good and bad football results. JD is happy to live in Florida; Tom W. reported that Sue is enjoying retirement and is playing tennis today; Dollars were given in appreciation of the Open House yesterday at Palm City Eye Care. People were happy to be present at today's meeting.

Rick shared that the Elliott Museum is in the process of setting up their newest exhibit: UFOs Denial-Disclosure-Discernment, which opens in December. As part of the exhibit, an outdoor visual showing a UFO striking the building has been created. The display, which is lit at night, generated calls to law enforcement about 'something happening at the Elliott'. Rick recommends that we drive by and take a look, especially at night. We'll get some pictures and show them at an upcoming meeting.

Lisa won 50-50 after commenting that she had never won. Maybe there is a method to her madness?

## Featured Special Events

<b>Monday, Nov. 18th</b>	<b>Monday, Nov. 18th</b>	<b>Tuesday - Thursday</b>	<b>Friday, Nov. 22nd</b>
<b>"A Breakfast Story" Networking Breakfast</b>	<b>Open to the Public</b>	<b>Open to the Public</b>	<b>The Night Before Christmas PJ &amp; Cocktail Party 21+</b>
<b>8 AM</b>	<b>11 AM - 7:30 PM</b>	<b>4:30 PM - 7:30 PM</b>	<b>6:30 PM \$75 / Person</b>



# UFO

DENIAL - DISCLOSURE - DISCERNMENT

## Vocational Stories

Dave Geller recounted his long history of living in many places for work and that his wife Gerry accompanied him during their 49 years of marriage. Beginning in Stuart in 1976 to elsewhere in FL, NH, NJ, Buffalo and Oswego, NY, Denver and Houston, as well as several stints in the Middle East, they have seen it all. Dave worked in the nuclear power industry and participated in the reconstruction of Bagdad. After acquiring over 3 million miles on United Airlines, he is now a reluctant traveler. While living in the area in the late 1970s, he was a part of the JCs of Jensen Beach participating in service. After retiring to Key West, he joined Rotary, and we are happy he continues his Rotary path with us now that he and Gerry have relocated to Stuart.



John Robitaille has always loved working to improve healthy care for both adults and children. After earning degrees in Early Childhood Education and Health Education, he ran preschools and then moved into the corporate health education field, bringing health and wellness programs to large corporations. He also mentored teenagers who were in a residential mental health facility. He moved into improving health care services for ALS patients, expanding sleep medicine programs and multidisciplinary pain treatment programs. He has worked on expanding home health care and hospice programs. He now works for the Boys & Girls Club as director of Safety and Security and relayed how they continued to provide services to the students and their families during the pandemic. As we know, John is always up for a challenge, and we are happy that he lends his time and talents to our club, while enjoying life with his wife, children and grandchildren.