




Club Meeting

Stuart-Sunrise
Meets at Monarch
Country Club
1801 SW Monarch
Club Dr.
Palm City, FL 34990
Time: Thursday at
07:30 AM

Speakers

August 18, 2022
[Judy Nast-Wade](#),
[St. Lucie Botanical
Gardens](#)

Birthdays

 Valerie
Madigan
August
4th

 Thomas
Davies
August
15th


Club Member Anniversaries


 David
Shoaf
08-01-
1997
25 Years

 Mary Jo
Horton
07-29-
2004
18 Years

 Kathy
Durrell
Lockhart
08-01-
2013
9 Years

 HB
Barrett
07-27-
2017
5 Years

 Valerie
Madigan
07-28-
2021
1 Year

 Greg
Bialek
07-28-
2021
1 Year

 Jeanette
Dechabert
07-29-
2021
1 Year

 Dave
Geller
07-29-
2021
1 Year

Rotary News for July 28, 2022

By David Shoaf

Chris led the pledge and Beth offered the prayer.

Announcements

President Beth announced that 7 of our members were celebrating Rotary Anniversaries this week. The celebrants were HB Barrett, Valerie and Justin Madigan, Greg Bialek, Dave Geller, Mary Jo Horton and Shannon Summers.

Gene VanCuren read a note from a recent Stuart-Sunrise Rotary scholarship winner.

Jason Davis and family are recovering from Covid.

Bonnie Hoffman from the Jupiter-Tequesta Rotary Club was a guest of Mary Jo Horton today.

Monarch selected House of Hope to share in the Club Corporation Classic this year. We need some new fundraising ideas. Please think about new fundraising vehicles for the club. We have been providing \$20 to 30,000 to fund community needs each year. The Charitable Foundation Board will be driving this project.

President Beth announced that a new case of polio had been reported in New York State. The victim is an unvaccinated young adult. The virus is still circulating in water and the unvaccinated are at risk of paralytic disease. Most people who contract polio do not have symptoms, only 5% develop paralytic disease.

New Member!

Ric Zurich and President Beth inducted Nils Weibull into the club. Nils is a transfer from the Port St. Lucie Club. He originally joined Rotary in Sweden, where his father was a Rotarian. Welcome Nils.

Happy and Sad

John Robitaille was chosen by Sue to answer the question "What Rotary means to me." John originally joined the Rotary Club of Palmetto Bay in Miami a few decades ago. He joined initially to improve his networking in his community. His commitment to Rotary grew as he served on many club committees and then elected office, rising to serve as President. He said that he was impressed with how the Service above Self motto was exemplified by club members and the role Rotary played in making the community a better place. Thanks, John, for your service!

Sue and Tom attended a fundraiser for Place of Hope, a new organization moving into Martin County. Look for them to be speaking soon. Mary Jo had a happy \$5 for a chance to join us after Covid. Gene VanCuren and Judy had a 3-day cruise and got 2 weeks of Covid! HB and Dave Geller are both participating in the Spt. 17th Honor Flight! Jason had a combination Birthday and Anniversary Check for the Foundation! He's looking forward to a Chocolate-Banana Cake for his big day! Michael went to the Breakers and got some Mediation work! (Ask him!). Nils and his wife spent 24 hours in Hartsfield airport in Atlanta as they tried to get home from their vacation.



St Lucie River Railroad Bridge

By David Shoaf on Thursday, July 28, 2022

Tom Whittington gave us a quick review of the status of the old bridge across the St. Lucie River in Stuart. July has been a busy month for the bridge issue. Congressman Mast was busy on the National Scene meeting with Railroad officials, the Coast Guard and local residents as well. A public comment period just wrapped up in July with over 2500 responses.

Concerns included recreational and commercial traffic needing to navigate the St. Lucie while the Brightline trains run through town at 80 miles an hour. Looks like some issues are just being discussed. One issue is boating safety at the Bridge. Tom feels we need more County and Coast Guard staff at the bridge site to provide smooth travel for both groups.

Other safety issues continue to be raised by the community but Brightline seems to have the upper hand in how decisions are made.

For more information:

[Link to read comments to Coast Guard](#)



Justin Madigan
07 - 29 - 2021
1 Year



Shannon Summers
07 - 29 - 2021
1 Year



Nils G. Weibull
07 - 11 - 2022
0 Years

<https://mast.house.gov/> publiccomment
Piece on demonstration at the bridge this past Monday.
<https://www.wpbfl.com/amp/article/florida-stuart-boat-demonstration-congressman-mast-us-coast-guard/40710039>

Thanks, Tom!



50-50 July 28

The 50-50 was won by John Robitaille!
