

# Rotary



## Club of Stuart-Sunrise

### 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

**January 05, 2023**

Sue Whittington and Beth  
Brownell  
Tennis Tournament  
Planning

**January 12, 2023**

Gina Masters, Stuart/MC  
Chamber of Commerce  
Career Connect

**January 19, 2023**

Lisa Rhodes-Martin County  
Education Foundation

**January 19, 2023**

Board of Directors

### Birthdays



Mary Jo Horton  
December 16th



Robert Swan  
December 26th



Thomas  
Whittington  
December 29th



Chris G. Shoaf  
January 3rd



HB Barrett  
January 10th

John/Jack  
Langhorne Jr.  
January 21st

### Weekly News - December 15, 2022

By David Shoaf

President Beth led the pledge and the prayer. She asked members to each write a wish for 2022 on an index card and plan to discuss the results later!

John Fedorek was awarded a Paul Harris pin with 2 jewels representing his continued contributions to Rotary International! Thank you, John, for all you do for the Club and RI!

The club submitted 117 official volunteer hours to RI for the first 6 months of the year.

Happy and Sad

Kathy was happy that the Rotarian bell ringers found the right Publix! Tom was pleased that we received a \$3,000 check for the Salvation Army



in VA with his brother and sister-in-law and more, Bob and Judy Swan visited their family in CA and contracted Covid. Rex and Susan are visiting all their grands.

Hap and Jane were pleased that the Rams won 2 games in a row; HB is pleased that Dave G. is back as treasurer; Nils told us about Danish traditions including the St. Cecilia festivities.

Sue was a sad dollar because she has Covid. Get well soon! A happy dollar for her work on the Sponsor list for Feb. 3 and 4 at Buttonwood. The fundraiser packages range from \$2500 to \$50 for a player.

Guatemalan update

in addition to our bucket collection.

Gene reminded us about all that United Way does throughout the year, but especially with their Toys and Food at Christmas. Thanks to all who volunteered this year.

Visits with family members are key goals this year. Brownells going to Seattle to visit grandkids, HB has his brother-in-law visiting, Linda celebrates her Mom's 90<sup>th</sup>, Chris is



### Club Member Anniversaries



John Robitaille  
01-10-2019  
4 Years



Thomas Brownell  
01-01-2021  
2 Years



Beth Brownell  
01-01-2021  
2 Years



AK'Tenamit's practical vocational education, 3000 hours of job experience and personal motivation prepare graduates to succeed in their rural environment and inspire them to help their families and communities. For just one dollar per day (\$365) you can transform the life of a young person who would otherwise be trapped in poverty.



The Interact Club at Clark just donated a scholarship. Go to [info@thegtfund.org](mailto:info@thegtfund.org).

What are you hopeful for in 2023?

Beth asked members the question and received a variety of answers from our members.

Several wanted Peace in Ukraine and the world.  
Good health for all.

Grow our club with new members.

Our government gets its act together!

A successful Million Dollar dinner for District 6930.

Board meeting followed today's club meeting.

Next club meeting is January 5th at Monarch!  
Ken Furcron won the 50-50!  
Happy New Year!

### Club News

#### Boca Raton Club:

Thanks to Vanessa F. Havener for organizing a disaster relief trip to Rotary International District 6960! We met a wonderful, retired Education Coordinator who happened to have worked at a west coast nonprofit early education center! She said while she absolutely did need the help, what she really valued was new Rotary volunteers who showed up day after day when



her insurance failed to cover the flood damage. Restoring people's faith, that's the power of Rotary!



**AND...** The Rotary Club of Boca Raton has been enthusiastic in its support of Rotary Club of Kyiv Capital.

Here's an update on the good work Rotary in Kyiv is doing...

*Our friends at the White Church shared some good news: a small seamstress team started work today thanks to the help of our rotary friends at the Rotary Club of Boca Raton (Boca Raton, Florida, USA). Thank you, Julie Vianale!*

*Three girls, daughters of the military, graduates of a design college, make warm clothes for their parents, who are currently on the frontline defending Ukraine.*



*Thank you for the clear organization of the process!*  
*@GennadyPryshchepchuk*  
*Edward Chaplin*  
**Cocoa Club:**

It was a great day at a recent Rotary club meeting. Club member Lowell was honored by his son in a beautiful tribute. Also, our District Governor Buck Vocelle, and Area Gov Peggy Russell were in attendance. DG Vocelle shared his vision of Rotary. We also had a few visiting Rotarians from other Clubs!

**Cocoa Beach Club:**

*"Another day of travel begins with*

*howling alarms all over Ukraine. The news is so devastating..." –Zupa na Monciaku*

The Rotary Club of Cocoa Beach on behalf of our District has secured a second \$25,000 RI grant for Ukraine humanitarian aid and deployed those funds to our partner non-profit in Poland- Zupa na Monciaku.



This allows the purchase of food, hospital supplies, and other essential items to help the civilian population recover from increased Russian attacks and to prepare for the coming winter.

Brave volunteers in Poland are risking their lives to deliver this essential humanitarian aid deep within the conflict zone, and all involved appreciate Rotary's financial support. *"Thank you for every penny you put into these packages, for every blanket and gas bottle, for every candle. Every penny of yours is worth its weight in gold here."*

Those interested in more information about Zupa na Monciaku can check out their Facebook page at

<https://m.facebook.com/ZupaNaMonciaku/>

AND...

The Rotary Club of Cocoa Beach will be sponsoring the Rolling Readers Program for Cape View Elementary school first- and second-grade classrooms. Rolling Readers Space Coast is a non-profit organization committed to uniting children with books and caring adults to promote a community of life-long readers. Studies have shown that supporting reading skills in the early grades provides the greatest impact on future success in school.



AND...

This month we are preparing for our Cocoa Beach Rotary Annual Christmas Boat Parade, which will occur on Saturday, December 10th, 2022 at 6pm. This evening parade of boats dressed up in twinkling lights and holiday decorations is a beloved tradition in our community (the picture shown is from last year's event). We are working on several improvements to make this year better than ever and to promote our club's sponsorship of the event. All are welcome to participate or observe, and our website contains information about the boat parade registration and good locations to view it (see <http://www.cocoabeachrotary.org/> under "Events").

The club is planning for their upcoming Christmas





Lighted Boat Parade.

**Vero Beach Club:**

The City of Vero Beach declared October 24th World Polio Day in Vero Beach. District Polio Chair Laile Fairbairn, talked about the state of polio in the world today.



AND... Rotary clubs in Indian River County celebrated the annual Octoberfest to raise funds for Polio Plus. Over 150 Rotarians and guests gathered for fun, fellowship, (German) food and fundraising at the Community Center in Vero Beach.

**Wellington Club:**



Andrew Burr had the honor of presenting the Student of the Quarter Award to a beautiful young lady. Hailey is a student in the Wellington High School Interact Club and a leader in life. She is always all smiles and is willing to lend a helping hand. We can't wait to see the things she does in the future. We also offer a huge shout-out to Coach H. for being a great leader to role model to the kids at Wellington High School.

AND...

The Wellington Rotary Club visited our 3rd graders today with a gift for them.

Each student got a Student Dictionary from the Club. The students were excited to get their gift!

**Rockledge Rotary Club:**

Congratulations to Rotarians Steve Lum, president of Slug-A-Bug, and

Nelson Green, president of Great Southeast Flooring America.

Their companies were recently named "best pest control company" and "best flooring company", respectively by our Brevard community.

It's an outstanding recognition that both companies earn year-after-year.



**Indialantic Club:**

*Submitted by Gerard Zack*

The Indialantic Rotary Club has been actively supporting *NeighborUp Brevard* in recent years and recently approved an additional \$500 donation. They are an excellent example of a community-driven "hands-on" organization that helps low-income families break the cycle of poverty and works with kids to keep them actively engaged in school and focused on their future. The Club is again supporting their Friends Fest on



November 12.



Club member Jock Walker reported that the St. Stephen's Way dinner held on Oct. 4th was a great success! The Club has provided financial support to the organization over the last few years. St. Stephen's Way provides affordable housing and supportive students to homeless families with schoolchildren in Brevard County. Jock also recently reported that \$63,000 was raised in the last year and contributed to youth-focused groups. President Susan Frey advised that four Grants have been awarded to the Club for support of various programs.

Eastern State College Scholarship program. Collaboration with the Cocoa Rotary Club, and other details are pending.

Tony Catanese shared plans for a King Center event to benefit the

**Northern Palm Beaches Club:**

*Submitted by Stanley Pearlman*

The Rotary Club of the Northern Palm Beaches is one of the two clubs





in our district to support a Guatemala Water Project. This is through a Global Grant from The Rotary Foundation which supports worldwide humanitarian undertakings.

Throughout the United States 45 clubs have joined together to fund the project that will bring fresh drinking water, sanitation facilities and hygiene training to three needy communities in Guatemala.

Dan Layton reported on the food drives for the homeless vets, assistance at the Vietnam Veterans Transitional Housing, and the Veteran's Memorial Center tour on

October 26. We are also sponsoring a catered lunch for Veterans once per month.

**Boca Raton Sunrise Club:**

*Submitted by Marilyn Blanco-Corey*

Rotary Club Boca Raton Sunrise's first meeting of the newly formed Interact Club at West Boca High School. They are an enthusiastic group of teens! They are in the process of deciding on their projects for the year.

They spent some time discussing the 4-Way Test. Our club President Gail Ambrose-Lustig presented them with a 4-Way Test banner, a gavel, and a bell. Lauren Schneider is the faculty advisor. Many Interactors will join us when we do the Feeding Children Everywhere service project in January 2023.



**Port St. Lucie Club:**



On October 18th our members were treated to another great program by one of our own! Hats off to Rotarian Vernon R. Francis, Interventional Cardiologist, who gave a "heart" warming presentation on non-surgical methods of treating cardiac problems.

Vernon explained the meaning of interventional cardiology, its history and some current practices. He left us asking questions and wanting more. To be continued!

Got questions? Contact Vernon at [fivevf@gmail.com](mailto:fivevf@gmail.com).  
(Pictured: Vernon with President Susan)

**Boca Raton Sunrise Club:**

*by Susan Weinblatt*



The Rotary Club Boca Raton Sunrise had our most successful Dictionary Project EVER! Our club delivered 912 dictionaries to third grade students at seven local schools this year, beating last year's record of 480 books delivered. Rotarian Ed Rowan and his team of volunteers stored, labeled, packed, and distributed the books around town. We received the following note from Cory Zigler, Assistant Principal at Calusa Elementary School:

"On behalf of the staff at Calusa Elementary School, we want to thank you for the donation of free dictionaries to all of our third-grade students from the Boca Raton Sunrise Rotary Club. We appreciate your support, generosity, and all that your organization does for teachers and schools in Boca Raton."

Job well done, Boca Raton Sunrise!

Rotary clubs in Indian River County celebrating our annual Oktoberfest to raise funds for Polio Plus was held this past Saturday. Over 150 Rotarians and guests gathered for fun, fellowship, (German) food and fundraising at the Community Center in Vero Beach. [#rotaryclub](#) [#fightpolio](#) [#rotarycluboceanside](#) [#rotarydistrict6930](#)



**Lake Worth Club:**  
*By Patrick Growney*



At a recent club meeting, the demonstration that Rotarians are a resourceful group was clear. First the gas line to the restaurant was fractured by road work taking place on causing the kitchen had to shut down. Not a problem - President Lorraine ordered pizza from another restaurant. Problem solved. AND then she paid for it. Thanks Lorraine!!!!

Then, the program for the week was supposed to be the official visit of DG (Buck) Vocelle, but Governor Buck got a flat tire and could not be on time for the meeting. Again, no problem - Cindy Ansell came to the rescue. As part of her literacy program, she created a board game she named "Lit



City" much like the Monopoly Game which takes the players around the City of Lake Worth Beach (not Atlantic City). From City Hall to the Library to the golf course to the fire station etc. So, we all played Lit City and a good time was had by all.



To round out the meeting, Dick Hattwick received an "anonymous \$500 donation" to The Polio Plus program in recognition of Polio Day October 24 and asked us all to contribute to the fund through the club.

#### **Eco-Friendly Club:**

The club is hosting an Event TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2022 AT 12 PM with Michael Walstrom as the featured speaker, talking about his India National Immunization Day (NID) experience.

#### **Vero Beach Club:**

*Submitted by Jason Conklin*



#### **Boca Raton Downtown Club:**

*submitted by Allen Konis*

The club held a Polio fundraising and awareness event for World Polio Day. It was great having fun while raising funds for Polio Plus.

**Boca Raton West Club:**



**The Rotary Club of Boca Raton West donated band uniforms to Brazil! The band participated in a competition in the city of Guararema, SP where the band was the regaining**

**Champion in the Senior Musical Band category. We appreciate all the efforts of President Lucianpremiered a Beuke and her family!**

**Palm Bay Club:**

**The Rotary Club of Palm Bay and the Interact Club of Odyssey Jr/Sr High School worked together again to clean up along Wyoming Dr SE on**



**Saturday, October 29. This is our adopted roadside through the Keep Brevard Beautiful program. Thanks to all the students and Rotarians for helping!**



## Long-Time Rotarian Chuck Sawicki Reflects on the Benefits of a Rotary Focused Life

Posted by Alex J. Hayes



Chuck Sawicki has experienced a lot in his 80-plus years on this planet. He has seen many changes in his 46-year professional career as an executive in marketing, sales, and financial planning services. Companies he worked for merged or dissolved, coworkers came and went. Amidst all that change was one constant – Rotary. Officially, Chuck has been a Rotarian for 57 years, but his association with the 117-year-old service organization began in childhood.

“My dad was a Rotarian when I was in high school. I couldn’t wait to get home for dinner on Wednesday nights when we discussed what he learned from the interesting speakers and programs,” Chuck said.

Chuck has been a Rotarian in 14 clubs that span eight districts. Some clubs had 400 members; others had 20. No matter the size, members were equally passionate about Rotary’s seven areas of focus – basic literacy and education; maternal and child health; peace and conflict resolution; disease prevention and control; water, sanitation and hygiene; community and economic development; and supporting the environment.

“I have loved being a Rotarian in each and every club,” he said. Rotary serves its members and the community. Almost anyone can become a member, if they commit to the Rotary motto of “service above self.”

“The reason I love Rotary is you can learn something new at a meeting, the networking opportunities are fantastic, and we have about \$3 billion to spend on service projects,” Chuck said.

Joining Rotary isn’t hard. One fills out an application, a current member endorses them, and the club board votes. Many members’ participation maxes out at attending meetings. Chuck encourages everyone to become a full-fledged Rotarian by serving on committees and volunteering for service projects.

Chuck’s first club was the Little Rock Rotary Club, at the time the fourth-largest Rotary Club in the world. He distributed name badges at meetings and quickly met all the members.


“After my first year in my new management position, I was having dinner with the regional manager and a team of auditors. They were amazed how I was able to introduce them to local business and professional leaders,” he said. Every Rotary club designs its service projects around its members’ interests and community’s needs.

Chuck is a certified mentor through SCORE, a nonprofit that gives free advice to business professionals. He has received numerous accolades for his work. He does not volunteer for accolades, but every award gives others an opportunity to share Chuck’s story and inspire others to follow his service-minded example.

“Chuck is the epitome of the Energizer Bunny,” Lou Davenport said when presenting Chuck with the Lancaster SCORE chapter’s 2016 Award for Excellence in Client Mentoring Services. “Chuck has never met a committee he wouldn’t join. He has never been presented with a task he wouldn’t tackle. He has never had a client where he did not throw himself wholeheartedly into helping that client live his dreams.”

If Chuck is the Energizer Bunny as Davenport suggests, Rotary is his batteries. Chuck is a realistic man who often bluntly tells others his “time is running out.” He hopes to inspire others to become active Rotarians, much like his father inspired him.

In 2005-2006, Chuck helped expand his Rotary Club from 52 to 70 members. Success doesn’t happen without planning, so he encourages other clubs to follow his club’s recipe for success: have meetings at a first-class location where the owner or manager is a committed Rotarian, appoint dynamic officers and lane chairs who will take their



duties seriously, be visible in your community, so your work energizes others.

“Rotary networking and learning became the force behind my professional advancement and understanding of the world,” he said.

Chuck’s thoughts on How to Increase Membership are [HERE](#).

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