

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

February 10, 2023

[Beer Booth, Martin County
Fair](#)

February 16, 2023

[Daniel Cano](#)
Colombian Coffee

February 23, 2023

[Beth Brownell](#)
Club Assembly

Birthdays



Nils G. Weibull
February 19th



David Shoaf
February 20th



Ken Furcron
February 21st



Volney Bayley
February 27th

Club Member Anniversaries



Richard P. Zurich
03-12-1984
39 Years



Gene L.
VanCuren
03-12-1984
39 Years



Rex A. Sentell
03-01-1986
37 Years

Rotary News for February 9, 2023

By David Shoaf on Thursday, February 9, 2023

President Beth opened the meeting with the Pledge and the Prayer.

Interact

Dr. Bonds Jasmine and Katie attended from Clark Learning Center. The club is raising funds for the Lymphoma and Leukemia Society. They raised over \$170 at the meeting and their last Change4Change effort at Clark. The goal is \$1250 for the 2-month campaign.

They also promoted the National Honor Society's Create for a Cause for the March 3 annual juried art show and auction to benefit Molly's House in Stuart.

Tennis update

The Super Bowl of Tennis Event was a big success. Thanks to all the volunteers and family members who helped with this effort. Sue said we raised enough for 4 scholarships! The Super Bowl squares were a big success with more buyers showing up as we left the building. Our thanks to all who supported this scholarship effort. Thanks to Sue and her friends who helped organize the event, found sponsors and provided much needed support! She has convinced Buttonwood to allow us to do it next year! More club members will be involved in organizing the event, beginning in the fall.

The Fair is here! Let's have a beer!!

Kathy thanked all who volunteered to sell beer at the County Fair for the next 10 days! Thanks to all who are volunteering, Check those IDs!

Daytona is the place to be on 18th and 19th of February.

Dave Geller has donated a pair of tickets for the 2 day extravaganza and the club is auctioning them off. The seats are located on the first turn and include infield passes, parking and the Concert with Luke Combs. The retail value is \$780 and 20 years on the wait list for this location.

Contact Sue, Beth, or Dave Geller to bid. Highest Bid over \$250!

Happy and Sad

John Fedorek completed a 208 mile bike ride to Key West last week and still made it to Rotary! Dr. Jason said he can't wait until he can retire and do fun bike trips! JD related how much she enjoyed helping at the tennis event! HB is meeting with JROTC Students for a trip to Washington as Guardians for one of the 4 Honor Flights in 2023. He will meet with the students on Thursday. JD and Rex both received 'Continuing Education Credits' for their classes in Mexico and Bonaire!

Rotarian and Judge provides insights to Crime Statistics

By David Shoaf on Thursday, February 9, 2023

Judge Darren Steele is a long-time Rotarian-Stuart-Noon club. He serves as a county judge of the Martin County Court – a position he has held for 14 years. He spoke about his experiences and what he has learned in the job.

He believes that crime is at historic lows in our nation, but the public doesn't understand that since the advent of online news brings worldwide news to you.. He feels that in the 1990s, crime dropped by a third all over the industrialized world and stayed



Susan Dawson
Whittington
02-22-2007
16 Years



Linda Weiksnar
03-13-2020
3 Years



there. Computer modeling has helped reduce crime. It has ticked up a little in the last 2 years, he added. Three forces that helped the increase were:
Violent crime went up due to the impact of guns and emotions.

Covid and Covid responses were hard on the world's behavior norms

Some large cities decided to let violent people back on the street.

Florida adopted pretrial service 3 years ago. This approach is overseen by the Sheriff's Office. The plan is to release low level offenders pending trial without posting money for bail. This saves taxpayers the \$126 a day it costs to house prisoners. Our biggest cost is for medical and lawsuits, in addition to housing and feeding prior to trial.

In many cases, a night in jail helps drive home the impact of misbehavior on one's life. The county jail population is down about 18%, he estimated.

Thanks for your service, Judge.

50-50 February 9

The 50-50 was won by Chris Shoaf, who was happy that he now had money to buy lunch.
