

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

March 23, 2023

[Lyle Fried, Rotary Club of
Port St Lucie](#)
Rotary Village in Haiti

April 06, 2023

[Nancy Turrell, Martin Arts](#)

Birthdays



Gene L.
VanCuren
March 21st



Susan A Shirley
April 15th

Club Member Anniversaries



Chris G. Shoaf
04-09-2015
8 Years

Rotary News for March 16, 2023

By David Shoaf

The pledge was led by President Beth. A prayer was offered by Sue Whittington.

3.25.23 Waterfest in Stuart. Volunteers are needed from 10am-2pm. Contact Sue if interested.

3.26.23 Baseball game Astros vs. Cardinals at WPB Park. Limited Tickets @\$35. Jeff Weber 2015@gmail.com or (561-232-6555)

Happy and Sad.

Nicholas Madigan is 3 months old. Hap fell and broke his glasses, but he plans to be at the district grants conference on Saturday. Chris said Trivia was back at Monarch. Dr. Rex checked out NC fishing and fireplaces last weekend. Happy Bucks for Duke in B-Ball. JD and HB are set to meet with MCHS Honor Flight next Thursday. Contact HB ASAP if you are interested in attending. Gene's birthday is coming up! Rick and HD enjoyed the new Highwaymen exhibit at the Elliott. Sue took her grandson to Legoland. Michael has 2 new goldendoodle pups! Dave had 12 happy bucks for UNC's 12 most recent appearances.


House of Hope update

By David Shoaf on Thursday, March 16, 2023

Sue introduced Rob Ranieri, CEO of the organization, to the club. Rob has spent over 25 years in Martin County involved in corporate and community issues. He joined the House of Hope community over 10 years ago and focused on empowering Martin County residents to overcome hunger and hardship. The clients are living paycheck to paycheck in fixed-income households, teens, veterans and others who are seeking support and a path to success. HOH operates 3 thrift store locations with the main store at 2525 SE Federal Highway in Stuart. The stores help fund key programs and services for the organization. The Clothes Closet Program also distributed over 160,000 items last year at no cost to individuals and organizations in need. Enrichment Programs Centers are in Jensen Beach and Golden Gate. They serve all ages and help clients gain tools to help improve health and nutrition, develop job skills, and improve job skills. The Workforce and Career Support coordinator helps clients with job readiness and workplace knowledge. The staff also finds internships and help clients assess their long-range employment goals.

The Elisabeth Lahti Nutrition Center creates sandwiches, frozen meals and salads. Last year they provided 44,000 meals for clients and partner agencies. Over 3,000 children and adults participated in the health and nutrition programs last year. Hope Farm in Palm City provides much of the produce for the Center. In addition to over 65,000 cubic feet of hydroponic greenhouse growing space, they have added a grove of more than 60 fruit trees. They are adding a Packing House Facility at the farm to serve clients and small local farmers. They will be able to produce over 1,500 pounds of fresh fruits and vegetables EVERY week! They also support food banks in 4





counties and soup kitchens throughout the Treasure Coast. Volunteers are key to the success of House of Hope, according to Rob. Last year, more than 860 volunteers served over 40,000 hours to help empower residents in overcoming hunger and hardship. Rob pointed out that HOH is working with Cleveland Clinic on a pilot effort developing nutrition and health programs. When asked about how they work with other programs, he pointed out that they partner with groups like LAHIA. They provide food and are a resource for the 300 homeless that LAHIA serves. Indiantown has a thrift store and services at 15549 SW Warfield Blvd. They hope to expand this facility in the coming year. House of Hope has a Charity Navigator rating of 96.46. That means that 94 cents of every dollar goes directly to helping people in need. For more info go to www.hohmartin.org.

50-50 for March 16, 2023

The **50-50** was won by Butch Bayley!
