

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

September 21, 2023

[JROTC Honor Flight
Participants](#)

September 23, 2023

[Mapp Rd cleanup](#)

September 28, 2023

[Kia Fontaine-
President/CEO](#)
Lyric Theatre Upcoming
Season

October 05, 2023

[Mia Cruz](#)
Volunteers in Medicine

October 12, 2023

[Hap Mills Asst District
Governor and club
assembly](#)

Birthdays



Susan Dawson
Whittington
September 16th



Robert J Wesch
Jr.
September 29th



Richard P. Zurich
October 1st



Jeanette
Dechabert
October 4th



Linda Weiksnar
October 16th

Rotary News for September 14, 2023

By Beth Brownell on Thursday, September 14, 2023

The pledge was led by Beth and the prayer was offered by Sue Whittington.

The district is offering assistance to clubs wishing to install a Peace Pole in their community. If club members wish to pursue it, perhaps a pole could be installed in the new Palm City Center. It would give the club some visibility in the new facility.

At next week's meeting, the JROTC cadets who will have completed their Honor Flight will talk about their experiences.

The officers of the Interact Club will also attend to update the club on their activities, Change 4 Change bucket in hand.

The induction of Lisa Raiche will also take place.

The Mapp Rd clean up will take place on Saturday September 23. Meet at 8AM at Holy Redeemer Church. Interact students will be helping.

The dictionary project is underway. HB reported that fewer books will be needed this year. Arrangements are being made for the dictionaries to be delivered to Banyan Creek and labeling will be done assembly line style, at the conclusion of an upcoming meeting. Hap will be taking on Citrus Creek Elementary School and Sue volunteered to work with Warfield, in Indiantown. Stay tuned for further updates.

Tom B. brought samples of the new club brochure. Suggestions were made and will be incorporated into the next version. As the club already has the stuartsunriserotary@gmail.com account, a procedure will be set up to assign the task of monitoring the account to one person, perhaps an officer, or committee member. The assignment will be changed annually and the email address will be listed on the club website and Facebook page. The goal is to make contacting the club as easy as possible.

Beth brought up the idea that since the items needed for the meeting (bell, gavel, pennants, etc) need to be brought from home every week, perhaps the club could switch to using a basket for Happy Dollars rather than the unwieldy bedpan on a pole. The idea was soundly rejected. Fortunately, Laura Souza heard the discussion and volunteered to let us keep the items in a corner of her office, upstairs. Thank you Laura! For now, the badges will still be taken home by the Brownells.

Doug Terhune, a district membership committee member, met prior to the meeting with Beth, Jason and Tom B. to discuss a potential membership generating activity. Jason will be reviewing the proposal to see if/how it can be adapted to our club. Stay tuned.

Happy Dollars were given by several people who were happy for their football teams. Hap had 'not happy' dollars due to having lost a run-in with his tractor, but is happy that he is recovering. Sue was not happy because of work-related changes Tom made to the plans for her birthday celebration. Dave had dollars in remembrance of co-workers lost in the Twin Towers on 9/11.

The 50-50 was won by Linda, who donated her winnings to the club to help offset the costs of next week's meeting, as result of all the guests attending.

Mike Readling, Habitat for Humanity Update

Club Member Anniversaries

No Years Of Service Found

By Beth Brownell on Thursday, September 14, 2023

Mike Reading, Executive Director of Habitat of Humanity, presented an overview of their activities.

Work is being completed in their most recent community in Hobe Sound, with 18 homes, to be completed by the end of the year. Carter Park in Indiantown was completed last year, with 40 homes. The new communities have a positive effect on the area around them as local residents fix up their properties and the areas become more stable and safer.



Mike reviewed the process that families have to go through to be selected for a new home. Habitat holds the mortgages on the homes and works with applicants with courses on credit, money management, and how to be a good neighbor. The goal is to build communities. Applicants must contribute 300 hours of sweat equity and pay a \$2000 down payment. Eligible families have 40-80% of the median income in Martin County.

A Habitat house built a few years ago cost \$112,000 and one built today costs \$200,000, a 78% increase in 5 years. The county puts in the infrastructure, including connecting nearby existing houses to the sewer system, thereby getting them off septic. All funding comes from grants and local sources.

Finding and buying land for communities is becoming more difficult. Building houses on random lots is a possibility, as is developing a program to help rehab existing homes for owners that cannot afford upkeep.

A Brush With Kindness is a program that brings volunteers together to perform minor exterior repairs and cleaning. The program is not as active when Habitat is in the midst of a community building project, but will likely be re-instituted in the future. Club members look forward to future collaboration with Habitat for Humanity.
