

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 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](#)

October 19, 2023

[Francine Beckstead](#)

The Barn Theater Season

Birthdays



Robert J Wesch
Jr.
September 29th



Richard P. Zurich
October 1st



Jeanette
Dechabert
October 4th



Linda Weiksnar
October 16th

Club Member Anniversaries

No Years Of Service Found

Rotary News for September 21, 2023

By Beth Brownell on Thursday, September 21, 2023

President John led the pledge and Beth offered the invocation.

Any member interested in having a special meeting/event during the Thanksgiving/Christmas timeframe, please contact President John or Gene.

The Mapp Rd cleanup will be this Saturday, September 23rd at 8 AM. We will be joined by some Interact Club members. Meet at Holy Redeemer Church parking lot.

Happy Dollars were offered for family, football and Dr Ball, director of the IRSC planetarium on the Fort Pierce campus, for the educational programs the facility offers. Mike's puppies have been neutered. JD and Dave S are rooting for the NY Giants. Niels and Kerstin are grateful after avoiding a lightning strike during a recent walk. They are heading to a celebration of life ceremony for a mentor of Niels who was instrumental during his time in the European business world. Niels will also be heading to the Okeechobee club to give a district grant check to the club in support of their backpack program. Dollars were given in honor of our guests- JROTC cadets and the Interact Club officers.

Interact advisor Dr. Denish Bonds and Deb Kohuth, Dean of Charter Schools for Martin County, both Honorary Club members, joined us.

The 50-50 was won by Dave G, who donated the funds to the club Foundation.



Club members welcomed our newest member, Lisa Raiche. Lisa has already become an active and enthusiastic member. Welcome Lisa!



2023-24 officers of the Interact club were introduced. President Dakota outlined their September plans supporting the Boys & Girls Clubs of Martin County, including working with children at the Port Salerno club. VP Kat, Treasurer Logan and Secretary Elizabeth circulated with their Change 4 Change jars to which members enthusiastically donated funds.

JROTC Students' Experience On Their Honor Flight

By Beth Brownell on Thursday, September 21, 2023



Club member HB Barrett welcomed Angel Robertson, representing Congressman Brian Mast, seen here with HB and the JROTC cadets who spoke about their experiences last weekend on the Honor Flight from PBI to Washington, DC.

HB thanked the club for the \$1200 donation to send these three JROTC cadets to be guardians for veterans. The students and their veterans are seen with their veterans during the welcome home at PBI.



The process for selecting the cadets involves HB and a local veteran visiting the three local high schools, showing a video synopsis of a prior Honor Flight and cadets who participated speaking about their experience. Interested cadets write a 500 word essay on why they would like to be a guardian. Club members who are veterans and members who have attended the program review the essays and choose the winners.

The day of the Honor Flight is a long one, beginning at 3AM and ending in the evening. The group visited the Arlington National Cemetery and the Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown, and toured the local memorials. After lunch provided by a local service group, there were tours to the WW II and Korean memorials and the Lincoln Memorial. After dinner at the airport, the group of 200 flew home, where they were welcomed by 1000 people, an Honor Guard, and bagpipes.

Cadet Riley, from South Fork High School expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to be a guardian to a Vietnam-era veteran, especially seeing his reaction to the welcome home crowd.

Cadet Anya, from Martin County High School, who will be attending Emory Riddle in the fall, also was a guardian to a Vietnam-era veteran, who advised her to travel the world while she was young. Anya noted that although we cannot understand the veterans' experiences, we can support them. She loved meeting the veterans who generously shared their experiences. Her veteran also voiced that the homecoming crowd was the best part of the day.

Cadet Olivia, a student at Clark Advanced Learning Center and is involved at the Jensen Beach JROTC, would like to attend the Naval or Air Force Academy. Her veteran, also a Vietnam-era veteran, was pleased to receive pictures drawn by students in the 1st grade class of Olivia's brother.

Angel Robertson, representing Brian Mast, has been a guardian for a veteran and plans to repeat the experience in the future. Angel agrees that the best part of the experience is the return welcome. Reminding the club that the Congressman is a veteran, she outlined Operation Sacred Legacy, a program he is involved in, that ensures that local veterans' oral histories are collected and preserved. IRSC is dedicating space within its Pruitt Campus Berterans Center of Excellence in Port St Lucie to the project.

HB once again thanked everyone involved in Southeast Florida Honor Flight for their time, passion and efforts to provide the service four times a year.
