

# 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

**October 12, 2023**  
[Hap Mills Asst District  
Governor and club  
assembly](#)

**October 19, 2023**  
[MEETING CANCELLED](#)

**October 26, 2023**  
[Nils Weibull](#)  
Polio Plus

**November 02, 2023**  
[Lesley Vestrich](#)  
The Kane Center

**November 09, 2023**  
[Francine Beckstead](#)  
Barn Theater 2023-24  
Season

### Birthdays



Linda Weiksna  
October 16th



John J. Fedorek  
November 2nd



Dave Geller  
November 10th

### Club Member Anniversaries



John J. Fedorek  
11-01-1990  
33 Years

Thomas  
Whittington

## Rotary News for October 12, 2023

By Beth Brownell on Thursday, October 12, 2023

President John led the Pledge and Sue offered the prayer.

John reminded the club that next week's meeting, 10/19 is cancelled. We'll see everyone bright-eyed and bushy-tailed on 10/26.

Niles reviewed the club members' contribution to the RI Foundation, which will help determine district grants next year. Over \$8000 was donated. 4 members did not contribute. Contributing is simple, either by paper form (see Kathy), or online. Going through a My Rotary account is not necessary. <https://www.rotary.org/en/about-rotary/rotary-foundation>

The District Grant seminar is 11/18. One member from each club must attend.

The idea of installing a Little Free Library was raised at the last Board meeting. It would give the club visibility and plantings or a bench nearby would enhance the installation. One possible location is the new Palm City Center and Linda volunteered to check with the county to see if it is permissible. We may co-ordinate with the new workforce program at the Boys&Girls Club to build the Library.

Laura, our Banyan Creek server, is hosting a fundraiser for Canine Rescue, Inc, a non-profit 501 (c)3 group. An Evening of Cabaret will be at Monarch Country Club on November 4 at 5pm and it includes dinner and a doggie couture show. Over the years, these events have raised almost 1 million dollars for the group. Laura is offering two tickets for club members who would like to attend. Contact Laura for more information. Beth and John have Laura's contact information.

Club members welcomed Kristine O'Hagan, a visiting Rotarian from the Sebastian club, who is now working in Palm City and is looking to transfer to our club. Welcome Kristine!

Happy Dollars were given for football teams (good and bad), members' recent and upcoming travels, and a quick recovery for Kathy after a run-in while doing a project on an overhead lamp. A sad dollar was given for the situation in the Mid-East.

The 50-50 was won by Hap Mills, our speaker today!

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## District Updates from Assistant District Governor Hap Mills

By Beth Brownell on Thursday, October 12, 2023

Assistant District Governor Hap Mills (a long time Rotarian and valued club member) reviewed items for members to think about when strategizing to increase membership.

First off was a reminder about what Rotary is. First and foremost: a service organization which fulfills the needs and wants of others. Communication is critical to identify the needs of the recipients, which may be different than what was originally planned. In order to be more effective in providing



11-01-2007  
16 Years



Susan A Shirley  
11-11-2022  
1 Year

service, having more effective Rotarians is key. One way to do this is through RLI, Rotary Leadership Institute, which is provided periodically, with one on November 4.

Leveraging the club membership in the Palm City Chamber is a way to contact local potential members. Visiting local businesses, getting to know them, and determining if they are service minded is a project that members can participate in. Beth has a list of Palm City Chamber businesses that are locally based and she will bring it to the club. Hosting a Business After Hours event through the chamber would bring our message to more people.

Potential members should have information on financial obligations, attendance requirements and service requirements prior to joining the club. A Discover Rotary slideshow for the general public and an updated Poolside Chat slideshow for potential/new members have been created. The club has adopted Corporate and Young Professional memberships to provide flexibility for new members.

Gaining new members is not enough to sustain a healthy club. Different types of hands-on service projects allow more members to participate. The club does road and beach cleanups and developing a regular project that can be done by those who are not as mobile or fit, is something that should be looked at.

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