

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

Birthdays



Dave Geller
November 10th



John Robitaille
November 20th

Club Member Anniversaries



Ken Furcron
12-01-1996
27 Years



Susan A Shirley
11-11-2022
1 Year

Rotary News for November 9, 2023

By Beth Brownell on Thursday, November 9, 2023

President John led the Pledge and Sue offered the invocation.

Dictionary distribution to third graders is continuing, with Crystal Lake and Seawind being completed next week. Thank you to all our school captains.

Bell ringing for the Salvation Army will be Saturday December 2, 10AM to 8PM, at the Martin Downs Publix. Shifts are two hours long and the sign-up sheet will be circulated at the next few meetings. If you are not able to attend the meetings, contact Beth if you would like to sign up.

The club will have a table at the Palm City Center Holiday Village event Wednesday December 6, 6PM to 8PM at Palm City Center on Mapp Rd. John R. will provide the table, chairs, and goodies to hand out, and Beth will provide informational/decorative items for the table. Next week we'll have a sign-up sheet or contact Beth. Last year's event was fun and we're looking forward to being a part of it going forward. Please stop by to check it out.

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) has been moved to the first weekend in May. Dr. Bonds at Clark Advanced Learning is actively recruiting for it, as it occurs after the completion of underclassmen final exams. The exam schedules at the other two high schools are more problematic.

Pat Tobin from the noon club described the process of the training and working as a poll worker. The noon club generally staffs two polls, which is a more than 12 shift. Monies earned go to the clubs Foundation. A sign-up sheet was circulated to gather contact information from those who may be interested in working the March primary.

President John is working to schedule a club social prior to the end of the year.

The 50-50 was won by Sue.

The Barn Theater

By Beth Brownell on Thursday, November 9, 2023

Francine Beckstead and Bryan Childe visited the club to update members on the doings of the Barn Theater. Francine has volunteered for the Barn since 1999, beginning as a lighting tech and working her way up to Treasurer. Bryan, artistic director, completed his theater degree and has worked to





increase the reach of the Barn to attract actors from Miami to Titusville and Orlando. Bryan is one of two paid staff of the Barn, which has a group of hardworking volunteers and are always looking for more.

The Barn theater troupe has been in existence for 53 years, having performed at various venues in the area, eventually buying a former rose packing barn and converting it to a 162-seat theater. 95% of the group's income is from ticket sales and they would like to apply for grants to help with facility improvements. Sewer to septic conversion, painting, new lighting/ sound equipment and enclosing the lobby are recent projects. Due to Bryan's contacts in the theater community, the Barn has benefited with new lighting equipment and the ability to access Broadway quality costumes and props.

The Barn Theater prides itself on offering shows for everyone-children to oldsters, at affordable prices. Rehearsals are five days a week for 10-12 weeks and cast members travel to Stuart while working full-time jobs as far away as Miami and Orlando. Under Bryan's watch, the Barn Theater's reputation has grown, attracting interest from Broadway World and Playbill, and the Barn has been having sold out houses. Buy your season tickets to ensure you have a seat. The Barn presents special events for the community and has an internship for high school students wanting to learn theater arts but not be on-stage. Graduates from the program have won scholarships to continue their studies at the collegiate level.

It is the philosophy of the Barn that the arts are important in a well-rounded community and they plan to continue to be a vibrant part of the local scene.
