

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

November 16, 2023
[Capt. DeAnne Jones,](#)
[Salvation Army](#)

Birthdays



John Robitaille
November 20th

Club Member Anniversaries



Ken Furcron
12-01-1996
27 Years

Rotary News for November 16, 2023

By Beth Brownell on Thursday, November 16, 2023
President John led the Pledge and Sue offered the prayer.

Thanks to all who have participated in the dictionary distribution. It is one of the highlights of the club's year. Thank you to HB for co-ordinating. Any extra books will be saved for next year.

Interact is continuing to expand their hands-on service. Next month they will be volunteering at House of Hope. Next year we hope to partner with them on road/beach cleanups and a project for Hobe Sound Boys & Girls Club. One Interact member is interested in attending RYLA and Dr. Bonds is facilitating that.



The toy collection box for United Way will be brought to the next meeting, and be left at Banyan Creek. The United Way food/toy distribution will be Wednesday and Thursday December 13/14. There are also opportunities to sort toys and help set up beginning 11/28. <https://www.unitedwaymartin.org/HolidayVolunteer> to sign up.

Bell ringing for the Salvation Army is December 2 at the Martin Downs Publix. If you haven't signed up and would like to participate, the signup sheet will be at the next meeting, or contact Beth.

The club will have a table at the Palm City Holiday Village at Palm City Center on Wednesday December 6 from 6:00-8:00pm. We will have activities for children as well as Rotary informational materials. Beth, Tom B. and John will be there, but the more the merrier. More information at the 11/30 meeting. There will be vendors, food trucks (including Fork in the Road), live music and activities for children.

Sue and Tom Whittington are hosting the club holiday gathering: Sunday December 17 2-4pm at their house. BYOB and an appetizer to share. A sign-up sheet and more information will circulate at future meetings. Sue promises a rousing bocce tournament.

Hap Mills was presented with the Warrior Award from the District Governor Doug Heizer for his service as Assistant District Governor, covering a large swath of the district and providing guidance to several clubs. As we know, Hap is the epitome of a Rotarian-saying yes to whatever is needed. Congratulations Hap!

The club welcomed prospective member Charles Dame and we look forward to getting to know you and working with you.

Happy Dollars were offered for football teams doing well, and sad dollars for those who are not. Thank you to our veterans and HB relayed that he drove three WWII veterans to the Tequesta Chili Cook-off and was amazed at the stories of their service. Many thanks for the upcoming holiday and safe travels. Many thanks for seeing Dave Shoaf looking hale and hearty.

Rick invited club members to the Elliott Museum for a day of E-Bike Fun, Saturday November 18 from 10AM to 5PM. Learn all about the evolution of e-bikes and try out the latest models. Enter to win a \$7500 e-bike and enjoy music, food and drinks. Tickets are \$25 per entry.

The 50-50 was won by Dave Shoaf, who donated his winnings to the Salvation Army. Thanks Dave!

Captain DeAnne Jones, Salvation Army

By Beth Brownell on Thursday, November 16, 2023

Captain DeAnne Jones and her husband Nathan are Co-Captains of the Salvation Army of Martin, St Lucie and Okeechobee counties. DeAnne is a native of Canada and she became a US citizen in March. Her journey with the Salvation Army has led her through several states and her family has been in Stuart for eighteen months. During her last posting in Alabama DeAnne was a member of the local Rotary club.

The mission of the Salvation Army specifies that its role is to meet human needs without discrimination. They focus on the entire person- their emotional, spiritual and physical wellness. The annual bell ringing drive raises a large portion of their funding and there are three Salvation Army stores along Rte 1.

The Pathway of Hope ministry is their social services arm and there are three locations (Stuart, Fort Pierce and Okeechobee) where emergency financial assistance, prescription assistance and food pantries are located. If a person or family experience repeated needs, intensive case management is offered to help break the generational cycle of poverty. Participants must set goals and they meet weekly with staff to ensure progress is being made.

In Stuart, Booth's Cafe serves 300 people at their Friday night soup kitchen. Food pantries provide emergency bread and sweets as well as the ability to grocery shop monthly and tailor items to their family.

Companion House allow women with children to live together while they save money and learn life skills, including budgeting. Lack of affordable housing impacts their ability to graduate to live on their own. Often they are forced to go out of state to restart their lives. Doubling the size of the facility, from 8 rooms housing up to 32 residents to 16 rooms housing up to 64 residents is in the works.

The Angel tree project provides toys for children up to age 12 and the trees can be found at Treasure Coast Mall as well as local churches and businesses.

