

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

December 07, 2023
[KC Ingram Martin County
Fair Association](#)

Birthdays



Lisa Raiche
December 24th



Thomas
Whittington
December 29th



Chris G. Shoaf
January 3rd

Club Member Anniversaries



Thomas Brownell
01-01-2021
3 Years



Beth Brownell
01-01-2021
3 Years

Rotary News for December 7, 2023

President John rang the meeting to order and Sue offered the invocation, noting that today is the anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor and asked the club to pray for peace in our world.

Club members enthusiastically rang the bell for the Salvation Army last Saturday. John, Beth, Tom, Susan and Lisa staffed the club table at the Palm City Holiday Village. Santa and Mrs. Claus stopped by.



Happy 1st birthday
November 30 to the
youngest club member,
Nicholas Madigan

The signup sheet for the Dec 17 social event at Whittingtons- bring your own beverages and an appetizer to share. If you wish to attend and will not be at the Dec 14 club meeting, contact Beth. \$5 for the bocce extravagnaza, half the proceeds to the winner and half to the club Foundation.

Thank you to Ken Furcron for printing new club signs.

Club members signed a card and gave donations to our server, Laura. The card will be given to Laura at the 12/14 meeting.

Kathy placed information on the tables about how to donate to the Rotary Foundation by using Rotary Direct.

Beth reported that the Martin County School District emailed information about RYLA to students and parents. RYLA will take place May 2-5, 2024 which coincides with underclass exams, final projects and papers. Our club has already paid for two students to attend.

John circulated a letter received from House of Hope, soliciting donations for the workforce development program.

Happy Dollars were given by Justin in honor of Nicholas learning to walk. Gene asked members to explore the lights at Memorial Park, where his daughter set up the display representing local realtors. Gene also donated \$240 in honor of his donation of his 240th pint of blood-that's 30 gallons! Gene is truly dedicated to the community on so many fronts. Rick noted that on Jan 3 the King Tut exhibit opens at the Elliott Museum-not one to be missed. Tom W. noted that there will be 30 boats in the Stuart Boat Parade. Dec 16 and the Boat Show is coming in January. Lisa reported heavy traffic coming to the meeting from Jensen Beach and Dave Shoaf noted that traffic is usually light at Sandhill Cove. There was a lot of happiness about the college football bowl games.

Thank you to all who brought toys for the United Way Holiday Project. Toys and food will be distributed next week. Thank you, Sue, for arranging this, and thanks to the crew for loading up her car! It looks like Santa is ready to go!

JD won the 50-50.



KC Ingram, Martin County Fair

By Beth Brownell on Thursday, December 7, 2023

KC Ingram, a native Michigander, with deep roots in 4H and agriculture spoke about the ongoing efforts to move the Fair to the Agriplex site on Citrus Blvd and the plans to complete the build out and make the Fair site profitable. Securing Florida Department of Agriculture grants allowed the Fair to successfully apply for loans to get the process underway. Site clearing will hopefully begin within a month. Future funding will include state grants and appropriations in the state budget. KC noted that County Fair sites must be active year round to be profitable. Once groundbreaking happens, fundraising will ramp up and there will be ample opportunities for naming facilities. Given the crowds that attend the Indiantown rodeo, the new location of the fair should be a success.



The Agriplex site, 82 acres next to Indiantown HS will be the heart of Martin County agriculture. Due to the high school, the infrastructure is in place, so creating Phase I will begin in 2024. Phase I includes a 200x225 ft pre-fab livestock pavilion, offices, and bathrooms. There will be parking lots set up and concrete poured for the midway. If ready in time for the 2025 Fair, there will be tents for displays and the Home Arts.

Future facilities include a Merchants Market, a facility open weekends year round as a destination shopping and entertainment facility. It will be under cover and climate-controlled. An 80,000 sq ft exposition center will host meetings and celebrations, festivals, and private events. The livestock pavilion will be expanded to 200x500 sq ft. Longer term plans include an amphitheater to host outdoor events, an indoor playground, and a motocross track, to be lit at night. Hurricane rated equine stalls are also planned as the closest similar facility is in the Ocala area. There are plans to create walking trails on the border of the property.

The 2024 fair, Feb 9-17 will run as always, including beer sold by the Rotary clubs!
