

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

No Birthdays Found

Club Member Anniversaries



Michael L
Costopoulos
02-01-2015
9 Years

Rotary News for January 11, 2024

President John led the Pledge and Sue offered the invocation.

The club welcome guests David Kennedy, visiting from the north, Matt Straub and his daughter Carrie Straub, who are exploring local Rotary clubs, and Charles Dame, who plans to join the club. We Do Good, a non-profit headed by Charles, is having a scramble golf tournament on February 19th to raise funds for their work supporting local Veterans, First Responders and single parents. Butch is putting together a foursome. Contact Butch if you'd like to participate.

The Super Bowl Squares board is active-\$50 a square. As we are running this without the tennis tournament, it falls to members to help solicit support. Chris (who is recovering nicely from Covid) will bring the board to Monarch Country Club. Beth will be taking donations and will ensure that names/phone numbers are placed on the board if the board is not available when donations are received. Also available are Thank You letters from the club Foundation.

The Clark Interact Club officers and Dr. Bonds will visit Indiantown High School in support of the Stuart Rotary Club's efforts to establish an Interact Club there. Many thanks for their support.

A Mapp Rd clean up is planned for February 3, 8 AM. Interact members will likely be joining us.

Beer selling at the county fair will begin early February. We are again sharing the task with the Stuart Rotary Club and will share the profits. A signup sheet will circulate beginning next week. Thanks, Kathy, for organizing this. It will be the last year of the fair at this location. As we heard a few weeks ago, the fair will be moving to the Citrus Boulevard location in 2025.

Anyone who has not signed up to attend the January 21 2-4pm social event at the Whittington's and would like to attend, please contact Beth. bbrownell14@gmail.com.

Scribes are needed for a couple of weeks beginning mid-February.

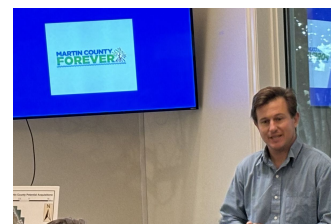
Lightning Happy Dollars were given for the successful launch of the King Tut exhibit at the Elliot Museum, for football and basketball teams and upcoming travels.

The 50-50 was won by Mike C.

Martin County Forever: Preserving our natural lands for today and for future generations

By Beth Brownell on Thursday, January 11, 2024

Merritt Matheson and Jim Snedeker attended today's meeting to present information on Martin County Forever, which is an education initiative with a mission to acquire and preserve important natural lands in Martin County for the benefit of present and future generations. The group wants to protect the unique character of the county, clean and restore our waterways, safeguard drinking water resources, preserve valuable natural habitat while connecting wildlife corridors, create recreational opportunities and enhance the county as a desirable place to live, work and visit. There are more than 116,000 acres of environmentally sensitive lands in the county.



The county has been acquiring environmental lands for over 30 years and in 2006 a voter-approved half-cent sales tax helped to purchase and manage 71,000 of the 116,000 acres identified as environmentally sensitive.

A referendum has been proposed to generate funds to acquire the remaining 45,000 acres using a half-cent sales tax which would not apply to groceries, prescription meds and school supplies, and which would last for 10 years. The referendum includes citizen oversight and support the sustainability of farming and agriculture. Land purchases would be limited to areas in Blue Ways, the Indian River Lagoon watershed, Loxa-Lucie and Palm Mar. This week the group will be presenting the proposal to the Martin County Commissioners. Visit their website MartinCountyForever.com and their Facebook page [martincountyforever](https://www.facebook.com/martincountyforever) for more information.