

# 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

**January 25, 2024**

[Linda Killian, Killian  
Cancer Foundation](#)

**February 01, 2024**

[Carol Houwaart-Diaz,  
United Way of Martin  
County](#)

## Birthdays

No Birthdays Found

## Club Member Anniversaries



Michael L  
Costopoulos  
02-01-2015  
9 Years

## Rotary News for January 18, 2024

By Beth Brownell

President John led the Pledge and Sue offered the invocation.

Kathy presented HB Barrett with a Paul Harris+3 pin, signifying ongoing support for the good work of the Rotary Foundation in addressing needs in the world.

The club Board of Directors will meet next week 1/25, immediately after the conclusion of the regular meeting.

Chris brought the Super Bowl Squares board from Monarch and members bought squares for \$50 each. Please solicit your friends and acquaintances to participate.

A Mapp Rd cleanup will be Saturday, February 3 at 9AM. Please note the time change. Students from our Interact club plan to participate. A signup sheet was sent around. If you would like to participate and will not be at the next meeting, please contact John F.

Hap is away on a cruise with his family. We miss him on the rare occasion he is absent. Dave Shoaf is home from the hospital and is slowly improving. Please keep him in your thoughts.

Charles Dame's membership application has been approved. Club members look forward to working with Charles and supporting We Do Good, the nonprofit Charles founded. Charles' formal induction will be within a few weeks.

The beer-selling at the fair fundraiser will begin February 9 and will continue on February 11, 13, 15, and 17. Hours will be 4-8pm and 4-5 people will be needed each day. Kathy will provide parking permits and entry tickets. Once again, we are splitting the days with the Stuart noon club.

Guests Matt Straub and Carrie Straub were welcomed to the meeting and invited to the social event at the Whittington's on Sunday 1/21 2-4pm. Children are welcome and Sue mentioned that all breakables have been removed. The Whittington's address is: 816 SW Wood Creek Dr Palm City.

Sue mentioned an article in the Rotarian magazine describing a "Fill the Food Pantry" project, focusing on rice and beans as those foods are staples in many cultures. She suggested that the club could adopt the model for a food drive. This will be discussed at the upcoming board meeting. Anyone interested in spearheading/participating, contact John or Beth.

Happy Dollars were given in honor of college basketball, bad weather in NC resulting in Rex not traveling to his cabin, family visiting, John getting a new puppy, and Michael's "puppies" are no longer small.

The 50-50 was won by Rich Zurich.



## Marine Industries Association of the Treasure Coast -Tom Whittington

By Beth Brownell

Club member Tom reviewed how the MIATC is an advocate for all aspects of the marine industry and boaters. There is an ongoing effort to bring the impact of the industry in front of local, county and Federal governments. An economic impact study is underway by the Treasure Coast Planning Council to help define this impact.

One of the biggest desires of the MIATC is to increase the educational/workforce opportunities for local residents as there is continued growth of both the leisure and business aspects of the industry. Indiantown Marina has donated land to allow for the development of educational opportunities by IRSC and Indiantown High School. There have been meetings with the Martin County School Board to create a workforce training path at the high schools or partner with Chapman's School of Seamanship, Project Lift and other groups that already provide education and certifications.

The Boat Show, which concluded Sunday, was once again successful with an estimated 18-20,000 attendees who were able to check out boats and industry-related businesses, a total of over 200 vendors. Profits from the boat show are returned to the community to continue to raise awareness and work with governmental bodies to support the industry.

Talks about replacing the railroad bridge over the St Lucie River are ongoing and the MIATC is well positioned as subject-matter experts. One of their concerns is whether the current new bridge design will support the demands of future commerce, which will continue to grow, especially with the development of the Okeechobee waterways. The bridge project has been fast tracked and concerns for boating safety during construction is of the utmost concern.

Tom will keep club members updated on both very important topics.

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