

# 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

### February 01, 2024

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

### February 08, 2024

[District Governor Douglas](#)  
[Heizer](#)

## Birthdays

 Nils G. Weibull  
February 19th

 David Shoaf  
February 20th

 Ken Furcron  
February 21st

 Volney Bayley  
February 27th

## Club Member Anniversaries

 Michael L  
Costopoulos  
02-01-2015  
9 Years

## Rotary News for February 1, 2024

President John led the club in the Pledge and the invocation.

Super Bowl Squares are still for sale! A \$50 donation to the Stuart Sunrise Charitable Foundation gives you the chance for a big win on Super Bowl Sunday, February 11. Checks may be given to Chris Shoaf or John Fedorek.

Road Clean-up on Mapp Rd. Saturday, February 3 9AM. Meet at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church. Interact members will be helping out.

Sign up for beer sales at the county fair beginning 2/9. Hours are 4pm-8pm. Kathy will provide parking passes and entry tickets. Once again, we are splitting the dates with the noon club. Contact Kathy if youâ€™d like to help or confirm your shift.

The Board approved moving forward with the Rice & Beans food drive described in the Rotary magazine and brought to the club by Sue. Sue will spearhead the project which we hope to partner with House of Hope and Publix.

John R, Charles D and Tom B will meet with Banyan Creek golf staff to explore running a fundraiser golf tournament at the facility..

Doug Heizer, District Governor, will attend next weekâ€™s meeting. He requested that board members remain after the meeting for a short discussion. Charles Dame will be formally inducted into the club at the meeting.

HB reported that the final report on the dictionary project was submitted to the district and approved. The reimbursement check will be sent soon.

Welcome back to Hap after his cruise and to Nils after his trip to Vera Cruz.

Welcome also to guests Scott Glimour, Carrie Straub and Matt Straub as well as visiting Rotarian David Kennedy.

Happy Dollars were given by Justin for the beginning of a bathroom renovation and by Lisa for the completion of hers. Rex survived two days of track driving fast Cadillacs and Dave S has family coming. Charles was happy to learn to deposit half of his 50â€™50 tickets into the box to improve his chances of winning to greater than zero. Nils and Kerstin attended the luncheon for RI President Gordon McInally. Niles is moving along with his SCORE teaching at Jensen Beach High School and is now partnering with the Childrenâ€™s Services Council to instruct people on the business aspects of starting early childhood daycare centers. Mike's â€™puppiesâ€™ are now 60 and 75#, Gene presented statistics from the Treasure Coast Wildlife Center on the numbers of animals rescued, treated and hopefully returned to the wild. Dave G. is looking forward to improved health-and club members wholeheartedly agree!

The 50-50 was won by Tom Brownell.

## United Way of Martin County-Carol Houwaart-Diez

Carol Houwaart-Diez, President & CEO of the United Way of Martin County, presented an overview of the organization. The mission of the United Way Martin County is to improve lives by mobilizing the caring power of the community.

The United Way prides itself on its level of citizen participation in program evaluations and the process of funding decisions. Carol stressed that programs are funded, not agencies. Last year, four new programs were funded and there has been an increasing emphasis on mental health programs and healthcare in general.



Ride United is a recently implemented program that provides transportation for any Martin County resident without transportation to medical or other appointments. Last quarter, 344 rides were given. Students United provides an opportunity for local high school students to learn leadership in volunteerism. United Way is the collection point for Toys for Tots and every December distributes toys and food to families. For this program, systems are in place to avoid duplication of services between House of Hope and the Salvation Army. Born Learning trails, which promote reading, discussion and physical activity in young children, have been installed by volunteers at several parks in the county. Installing a Born Learning trail at the new Mapp Rd park is in the planning stages. Carol noted that Stuart-Sunrise Rotary Club members actively support the United Way, especially in the Citizen Review Board and the holiday distribution. Member Gene VanCuren has long served on the Citizen Funding Review panel.

Carol emphasized that all funds raised locally stay local, and she encouraged donations directly on the website [www.unitedwaymartin.org](http://www.unitedwaymartin.org) and during workplace campaigns.

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