

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 15, 2024
[Shawn Keil, Regional
Director](#)
Project Lift

February 29, 2024
[Candace Tedesco](#)
Caring Cafe at Alice's
Restaurant, ARC of the
Treasure Coast

March 07, 2024
[District Governor Doug
Heizer](#)

March 14, 2024
[Nils Weibull](#)
SCORE- nation's
largest network of
volunteer, expert
business mentors.

Birthdays

 Nils G. Weibull
February 19th


 David Shoaf
February 20th

 Ken Furcron
February 21st

 Volney Bayley
February 27th

Club Member Anniversaries


 Gene L.
VanCuren
03-12-1984
40 Years

 Richard P. Zurich
03-12-1984
40 Years

 Rex A. Sentell
03-01-1986
38 Years

 Susan Dawson
Whittington
02-22-2007
17 Years

 Linda Weiksnar
03-13-2020
4 Years

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Rotary News for February 15, 2024

President John led the Pledge and Sue offered the invocation, once again praying for peace in our country.

Beer selling at the county fair is continuing with our next crew working this evening. Praises were given for the tip generating abilities of JD, Charles and Susan S. The club keeps the tips so perhaps in the future they can provide lessons.

Next Thursday HB will be at the three high schools presenting information about Honor Flight. Anyone wishing to attend, please contact HB.

A thank-you note was received from the Dictionary Project, the supplier of the books distributed to third-graders, in recognition of the club's ongoing support.

An Ironman certificate was presented to President John in recognition of his volunteering for every shift at the beer selling booth despite a difficult recovery from his knee replacement.

The Super Bowl Squares was a big success. Many thanks to Sue and Chris for managing it. JD was the big winner and Wanda Fedorek won two squares. Fortunately, the rule for an overtime game was printed on the board. Thank you, Sue, for your foresight!

Sue welcomed our guests: Rusty Brink, visiting Rotarian from Essex Vt, Lorelei Walker, visiting Rotarian from Indiana and prospective member Matt Straub. Attending today's meeting with speaker Shawn Keil, was Chris Krueger from Project Lift.

Happy Dollars were given for selling beer and the Super Bowl Squares. Nils donated to the club charitable Foundation in honor of his birthday and he also donated to The Rotary Foundation. Thank you, Nils, for your ongoing support. Rick celebrated 54 years of marriage, noting he got married during a snowstorm. Matt reported that Carrie was under the weather, and we look forward to seeing her next week. Matt also introduced his daughter Lorelei, a visiting Rotarian from Indiana. HB is looking forward to his trip to Australia and New Zealand. Tom W. appreciates the energy in the room. Speaker Shawn Keil is grateful for his long friendship with President John. Chris asked members to be on the lookout for remote work for Paola, who is at UCF, who we know is a hard worker and has good detail skills. Beth is having a knee replacement tomorrow and is looking forward to it being over.

The 50-50 was won by Gene



Project Lift

Project Lift is a well known organization, but what is less well known is that it is a substance abuse/mental health facility aimed at helping troubled teens referred to by schools, the court system and other organizations. Project Lift partners with tech trades and businesses to teach trade skills so that their graduates obtain licensing, certification and gain experience, becoming valuable employees. Shawn noted that kids want to be welcomed, loved and needed, and they gain confidence as they progress through the program. The aim is to have students enter the workforce earning a living wage and without debt.



A career rising program for young adults is new in Fort Pierce. Focusing on young adults with a high school diploma, the four-year program results in the student earning full journeyman status, with all the certification and licenses.

Recently, students have been building tiny cottages, learning every trade needed to build. They are working with churches and charities to find locations within the county to provide housing. Project Life has also entered the solar energy arena.

Two videos were shown outlining Project Lift and the apprentices programs.

[Project Lift video](#)

[Apprenticeship Program video](#)
