

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

March 23, 2024

[Support Citizens for H2O
event at Memorial Park
East Ocean Blvd Stuart](#)

March 28, 2024

[New Members Rotary
Stories and President
Elect Tom Brownell](#)

Get to know our three
newest members and find
out about the 2024-25
year!

April 04, 2024

[Nikki Hepburn-Elliott,
Publix Community
Services/outreach to the
community](#)

April 11, 2024

[Noel Delvalle, Executive
Director Martin County
Police Athletic League
\(PAL\)](#)

PAL is a crime prevention
community program
designed to provide
alternatives to drugs,
crime, delinquency and
violence through sports
and mentoring. PAL also
develops the bond
between the youth of
Martin County and law
enforcement.

April 18, 2024

[Katie Bartlett, Executive
Director Molly's House](#)
Molly's House, a Hospital
Hospitality House located
in Stuart, has been
keeping families together
by providing short-term
affordable
accommodations for the
families of hospitalized
loved ones and hospital
outpatients since 1996.

Birthdays

Charles S Dame
III
April 10th

Susan A Shirley
April 15th

Club Member Anniversaries



Chris G. Shoaf
04-09-2015
9 Years

Rotary News for March 21, 2024

President John led the Pledge and Sue offered the invocation.

Water Fest is scheduled for Saturday and any change due to the iffy weather forecast will be announced later this AM. Those who signed up will be notified by email.

The date for the club/Banyan Creek charitable golf tournament is confirmed as October 19. Charles distributed a brochure from a We Do Good golf tournament to show what can be produced for our tournament.

Sue announced that the Rice&Beans collection will begin April 1, with collection sites at Banyan Creek, Clark Advanced Learning Center, Morgan Stanley and a one-day collection at Danforth POA. Rob Ranieri is tentatively scheduled to attend the April 25 club meeting to collect the donations. Representatives from Interact will attend the April 18 meeting to bring the donations from Clark.

Carrie Straub and Matt Straub received their club pins. Welcome!

Kathy presented Lisa Raiche with a Paul Harris+4. Thank you, Lisa, for your continued dedication.

Happy Dollars were given for various teams in the NCAA tournament. Tom W, was especially enthused for NC State. Visiting Rotarian Rusty Brinks reported that his Vermont Catamounts would be facing Duke. Dave Geller reported that the Cornell Big Red basketball team made it to the Final Four (of the Ivy League). Dave and Chris Shoaf celebrated having time with Paola. Both Charles and our speaker, Lisa Rhodes, gave Happy Dollars for a great time at the Players Championship last weekend. Charles noted the kindness of the players to his son, and Lisa was thrilled to see the crucial missed putt at the 18th hole. Gene gave a birthday check to the club Charitable Foundation, noting that he caps the check to the sum of the numbers in his age.

The 50-50 was won by JD.



Lisa Rhodes, Education Foundation of Martin County

Lisa Rhodes, Executive Director, has been with the Education Foundation for 20 years. She reported that last year more than \$1 million dollars was donated, 93% of which went to the 15 different programs that the Foundation provides. The Foundation, a 501(c)3 organization, supports all K-12 schools in the district, including charter schools, and provides scholarships to graduating seniors. Their website is: www.educationfoundationmc.org



Ongoing support in the recruitment of new teachers and providing support to onboarding new hires is a recent initiative. The Share and Smile program provides new teachers with shopping sprees to help supply their classrooms.

Long-standing programs include Adopt A Class, Adopt A Project, where the public can donate to specific teachers, classrooms or projects. Access is on the Foundation website.

The book vending machine project has been very successful. Vending machines are now in all the traditional schools and their presence has led to an increase in reading. Keeping the machines stocked is a year-round job.

Career Exploration Labs in the middle schools allow hands-on exploration of 20 careers and provides insight as the students move into strategic career planning in high school.

A new partnership with the University of Florida aims to support K-5 students who are not yet reading at grade level. Book Bonanza events bring families together to experience reading and learning together. Listening and reading centers provide support for learning readers.

The Artist in Residency programs bring attention to the importance of the arts in education. The Foundation has also partnered with Florida Power & Light to EmPower STEM education.
