

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

April 04, 2024

[Nikki Hepburn-Elliott,](#)
[Publix Community](#)

Publix pharmacy
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.

April 25, 2024

[Rob Ranieri, CEO House](#)
[of Hope](#)

Rob will receive the
rice&beans donations
collected during April and
give an update on House
of Hope.

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 28, 2024

President John led the Pledge and Sue offered the invocation.

Water Fest was a success, with good weather despite the lousy forecast. The children were engaged with the question and answer board while waiting for the face painter. Thank you to all who participated and we look forward to next year.

The Rice and Beans food collection will begin in April. A box will be located at Banyan Creek. Maximum 5 pound bags of rice, canned and dried beans will be accepted. Rob Ranieri from House of Hope will attend April 25 to collect donations and take them to House of Hope. The Interact Club will also be attending April 25 with the donations collected at Clark. Beth attended the March 27 meeting of the Stuart Rotary Club, inviting them to participate.

Happy Dollars (and some sad dollars) were given for teams in the March Madness tournament. Matt was happy his daughter Lorelei is in the process of moving to the area. HB had a grand time on his trip to Australia and New Zealand and noted that high school students who want to be Honor Flight guardians are in the process of submitting their essays. Anyone who would like to review them, please contact HB. The start of baseball season was celebrated. Gene and JD are heading on cruises with their families.

Looking Forward to 2024-25 and New Member Rotary Stories

Looking Forward

Tom, 2024-25 President, reviewed RI and district plans for the year. The 2024-25 theme is The Magic of Rotary. Foundation, Fun and being an irresistible club to drive membership are areas the district will be focusing on. His goal is to have a net increase of 2 members, continuing slow but steady growth and a club giving to The Rotary Foundation goal of \$4900. Tom noted that due to our high level of giving to the Rotary Foundation three years ago, both our dictionary distribution project and the Born Learning trail should receive reimbursement funding. Tom noted that our club is doing a good job in the Membership Best Practices as outlined at PETS. Ongoing emphasis on member connections, engagement and participation will help the long-term health of the club.

Making connections in the community can help drive service and membership. Continuing the club's efforts to be responsive to our members, Tom supports the ongoing efforts to have members drive our choices, especially in service: recent examples: Rice&Beans food drive and the Born Learning trail.

Tom would like newer members to consider attending the Rotary Leadership Institute. RLI seeks to provide quality education in Rotary knowledge and leadership skills to Rotarians interested in developing their Rotary participation. These educational opportunities teach skills that will benefit the members in their lives and in their volunteer service. Locally, RLI meets at Kaiser University and periodically provides Saturday training sessions.

Tom will keep the club apprised of upcoming district trainings, and he noted that the 202-25 district conference is planned as a cruise to the Bahamas in November 2024. The Rotary Youth Leadership Awards weekend will be in November as well. Installation of the 2024-25 officers is tentatively scheduled for June 27, 2024.

Our Newest Members



Scott Gilmour

Scott was born in Canada and moved to Buffalo in 1992. He earned a degree in civil engineering as well as an MBA. He worked in technical fields for several companies, all in the construction/processing/equipment fields. His work has taken him to every state but South Dakota as well as around the world, as he worked for international companies. He noted that Third World countries suffer from a lack of the infrastructure and equipment needed to deliver life-sustaining oxygen in medical settings.

One half of the people needing oxygen treatment die as they do not receive it. There are efforts underway to address this and Scott would like to use the power of Rotary in this area.

Scott was exposed to Rotary by his father, who had been a member of this club, with 61 years of perfect attendance. Due to his work travels and coaching youth hockey, Scott was never in a position to become a Rotarian. Now in retirement, he looks forward to being an active member of the club.



Matt Straub

Matt has been involved in the performing arts scene his entire life, beginning as a musician, and he still performs, as he enjoys learning to play instruments and genres that are new to him. In his professional life he has been a band director and taught music. Eventually, he founded Performing Arts Educators, taking the idea that the performing arts are America's largest export and giving young musicians the opportunity to play non-competitively in settings they would otherwise not have access to,

such as Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center. Matt has also expanded the concept across the globe. Harnessing the power of the community to help support these efforts is key to their success. Like the youth sports model, the performing arts help give students confidence and experience in working in a group for a common goal. Matt was a Rotarian in the Orlando area, has an extensive network of connections and looks forward to bringing his skills to the Stuart Sunrise Rotary club.



Carrie Straub

Carrie grew up in the Orlando area and has long experience in the education field. After earning her PhD in education, she joined Mursion, a company partially funded by the Gates Foundation. Mursion developed teaching simulations, allowing student teachers to hone their skills prior to entering the classroom. Over the next year or so, she will transition into a larger role in Performing Arts Educators. In the past, Carrie has been a champion of civics education, including "Civics Bowl" competitions and looks forward to perhaps replicating that locally.

Carrie, Matt and Scott all mentioned that they found the club very welcoming, and appreciated the ongoing communications as they navigated their entrances into the club. All three have been regular attenders at meetings and have been active in our service efforts

before becoming members. Welcome!
