

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

June 06, 2024

[Lorelei Walker](#)
Building Community
Resilience

June 13, 2024

[Jennifer Fee, Community
Outreach Representative](#)
Mission and Services,
Treasure Coast Hospice

June 20, 2024

[Adam Gee](#)
US Sailing Center

June 27, 2024

[Cancelled due to Officer
Installation event 6/27
5:30pm](#)

June 27, 2024

[RSVP to Beth; enter at
west end of parking lot,
not through Admissions
lobby](#)

Birthdays

 Matthew L.
Straub
June 2nd



Rex A. Sentell
June 14th



Jason Davis
June 24th

Club Member Anniversaries



Volney Bayley
06-08-2006
18 Years

Rotary News for May 30, 2024

By Beth Brownell

President John led the Pledge and Sue offered the invocation.

Sue is arranging for club golf shirts made of performance fabric. \$30 each. Contact Sue if you would like one.

The 2024-25 slate of officers was offered: President Tom Brownell, President-Elect Linda Weiksnar, Secretary John Robataille, Treasurer Scott Gilmour. Charles Dame has volunteered to become Sergeant-at-Arms. Kathy will continue as Foundation Chair, Beth will continue as membership chair and Executive Secretary. Club members will vote at next week's meeting.

Installation of Officers is Thursday, June 27, 5:30-7:30pm at the Oceanographic Society Coastal Center 890 NE Ocean Blvd in the Exploration Lab. Entry to the OceanEco Center will be at the west end of the parking lot, not through the regular Admissions lobby. An Oceanographic Society volunteer will be at the entry gate to direct you. A sign-up sheet was circulated or contact Beth to RSVP.

Pat Tobin from the noon club has requested help at the registration table at the District Conference. Slots are available on Saturday afternoon. A sign-up sheet was circulated or contact Beth if you would like to help.

Prospective member Cindy Hough was welcomed once again. She has submitted an application for membership, which will be reviewed by the club Board of Directors.

Matt Tillman, a guest of Butch Bayley was also welcomed.

Happy Dollars were offered by travelers who have returned as well as those who are about to leave. Charles was appreciative of the club members who participated in the We Do Good golf tournament. Rex announced the grand opening of The Patio at Palm City Place on Saturday, June 1 from 11am to 2pm. There will be live music, food trucks, local vendors, yard games and other activities for all ages. Hap reported a tentative wedding date of July 7, as Cindy thinks he'll never forget the date since it's the day before his birthday. Stay tuned! Jason is grateful that a new doctor has joined his practice, but it results in a temporarily increased workload for him as insurance paperwork is completed. Sue has begun dance lessons for her debut in Dancing with the Martin Stars in September. She thanked Palm City Eye Care for becoming a sponsor.

Rob Steele, What's New at the Elliott?

By Beth Brownell

Rob shared some of the changes at the Elliott Museum that have occurred in the five years since he became President and CEO of the Martin County Historical Society. He noted that Elliott has experienced an increase in prestige as well as a jump in attendance. Five years ago there were 15,000 visitors annually and is on track for 100,000 this year. The King Tut exhibit, closing tomorrow, will have brought in 40,000. Membership jumped from 300 members to 1500 members in five years. Because of the increase in membership and income, higher quality exhibits can be displayed.

Coming from a production and theater background, Rob converted storage areas into art galleries and a library/meeting room. Currently, 30% of the museum is dedicated to art. Three 8x10 foot James Hutchinson paintings were found which depict local scenes. Each is worth \$50,000 and they are now hung for viewing. A room on the first floor is now the Forum where classes, meetings and concerts are held.



The General Store exhibit was brought from the prior museum building and continues to be popular, especially with children. The Ashley Gang exhibit sparked an episode of Expedition Unknown on the Discovery Network.

Philly Down South has made upgrades to the restaurant where comedy shows and music are now scheduled. The outdoor tiki has attracted customers and will be increased in size. There is musical entertainment at the tiki 4-5 times a week.

Due to lack of parking at the House of Refuge, a shuttle was obtained which runs twice an hour. Visitors to the House of Refuge have doubled and 80% of visitors use the shuttle. County Commissioners approved the annexation of the old firehouse next to the museum, which will be used for future activities. Local residents have donated boats, cars, a rosewood piano and even cannons.

The weekly car shows are paused until the fall, but there will be music and dances throughout the summer. Coming up is a Derek Jeter exhibit and there will be an exhibit on surfing. The museum has an annual Protect Our Peninsula focus which features displays and talks. Currently, museum staff is creating an exhibit called UFOs-Disclosure and Discernment. Once the exhibit is over, it will be lent to other museums.

The goal of the museum is to always surprise and delight, and we look forward to all the upcoming exhibits and events!
