

# 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 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



Jason Davis  
June 24th



Beth Brownell  
July 8th



Arthur C. Mills III  
July 8th



Kathy Durrell  
Lockhart  
July 19th

## Club Member Anniversaries



Michael Donnelly  
07-01-2015  
9 Years



Nils G. Weibull  
07-11-2022  
2 Years

## Rotary News for June 20, 2024

By Beth Brownell

President-Elect Tom led the Pledge and Sue offered the invocation.

A sign-up sheet circulated for the Treasure Coast Waterway Cleanup on Saturday, July 27, 7:30AM at Bruner Park. Parking next to CoLab Kitchen, MLK Blvd in Stuart, across from the County Elections Office. Contact Beth if you'd like to help. Closed-toed shoes recommended.

Officer Installation June 27 5:30-7:30pm at the Exploration Lab at the Florida Oceanographic Coastal Center. Entrance at the west end of the parking lot, not through the regular admission area. There will be a volunteer there to show you the way. No morning meeting that day. No meeting on Thursday, July 4. Enjoy the day!

The club Board of Directors discussed changing/expanding the scholarships given by the club Charitable Foundation, to include workforce-related scholarships. This will be led by Foundation board members and Gene. Contact Tom B., Gene or Rick if you'd like to participate.

The Festival of Trees has become the Festival of Giving, run by the Children's Museum. Every organization that creates a tree can raise money for a non-profit. The amount is based on the # of tickets guests put in the bucket in front of the tree. The Festival will be the week prior to Thanksgiving. If the club is to participate, someone is needed to spearhead the effort. Contact Tom B.

Happy Dollars were given for the 1st day of summer, members traveling and the re-sodding of HB's lawn. Rex survived time with his grandkids and managed to wear them out. Gene is still recovering from periodontal surgery and celebrated Judy's birthday. Many subsequent Happy Dollars were given for Judy's birthday.

The 50-50 was won by Justin, who will use his winnings for either a new bike helmet (Sue's suggestion) or more hair gel.

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## Adam Gee, US Sailing Center

By Beth Brownell

HB Barrett introduced Adam Gee, the new Executive Director of the US Sailing Center in Jensen Beach, one of only four US Sailing Centers in the United States. The Center is ideally situated for novice and experienced sailors and is the site of Olympic evaluation/qualifier events.

Adam comes from the world of youth soccer, including coaching at the professional level and youth development. Adam, originally from England, has lived in the US for 22 years and moved his family to the area while he settles into his new role.

The Sailing Center has a long history of serving young sailors, introducing them to the sport via summer camps and adults through Learn to Sail programs. Next year the center plans to begin offering 1-day family sailing camps. Success Sailing is a once a week introduction for children and adults with disabilities. Safety around boats and on the water is of prime importance for all sailors. For non-members, a Learn-to-Sail program will provide land-based and water-based instruction and have you sailing in no time, for \$60-80 per lesson. There are also kayaks and canoes available. One goal is to increase the catchment area of sailors and adding family-friendly programming to compliment children's other activities.

Weekend regattas recruit sailors from around the world, who stay in hotels and eat in restaurants. One issue facing the Center during events is the lack of parking. Local development is taking away the areas traditionally used for parking and the Center is working with the County to create alternatives.

Many local residents are not aware of the Sailing Center and Adam plans to change that by adding programming for all ages and increasing social events for members. The center is looking to increase their membership, currently 360.

The Center, located on NE Indian River Drive near the Children's Museum, is currently expanding their hours so that sailors can get on the water seven days a week. For more information, check out their website, [US Sailing Center Martin County](#) or call 772-334-8085. Or speak with HB, a USSC Board member.

