

Our meeting was opened by our Pres. Elect, the honorable Michael Dandurand presiding. As this was our Assembly meeting, the atmosphere was very casual and social. Michael attended to the business of the Board by advising us that this year there would be a drift back to something that had been in place in rotary some years ago, Rotary Means Business. This is an adjunct to the regular direction of Rotary that will offer an opportunity for business members to network together in a scheduled social setting. Watch for more information as this initiative gets rolling.

Greg Hamilton reminded us that this Tuesday, July 30, 2024, we will be holding our first(ever) Boot Camp at 12 noon at our WTC meeting rooms. This is a brown bag event that will provide members with more information about all the actions/activities/committees of the club. He called it a “matchmaking” session to unite and ignite our passions with our actions. Where do you fit in? What do you want to do? What ideas do you have? What skill do you have to offer? Come find out!

Another new feature this year, which is also a roll back to something we used to do, is a session called “Meet Your Member”. The club will have an opportunity to learn more about one of our club members. At this meeting we had the pleasure of meeting: Sally Long. Sally joined Rotary in 1997. She is a many times Paul Harris and past president of our club. Born and raised in South Florida, Sally attended USF in Finance, married and moved to Citrus County where she started her career in banking. She was a commercial loan officer for Barnett/SunTrust banks, and as a loan officer, she was required to get involved in service to her community. Initially, she worked with the Boys and Girls Club. Later, she was invited to the Crystal River Rotary, which initially rejected her membership, but later accepted her. Sun Trust eventually moved her to Brooksville as a Trust Officer. Uncomfortable with the compliance officer of the CR club, she decided to join our club, stayed in good standing, but couldn’t attend much. Finally, her career led her to join a financial planning organization in a location that allowed her to re-engage her club. The minute she walked in, she felt the warmth of our club and knew she was in the right place, doing the right thing. Her focus through the years has moved more toward the international goals of rotary, influenced by a trip to an International Convention in Atlanta. She hopes to “travel in service” for rotary international and strongly supports the RI and its Foundation as the “greatest peace building organization in the world”.

#### Club News:

7/30 Boot Camp 12 noon WTC meeting rooms

7/31 Fireside Chat with Ken Fagan 12 noon on zoom

8/1 Breakfast with the Teachers 7am CHS

8/17 Rays Day District Event

Happy/Sad - \$148

50/50 - \$23.00 Tito

We adjourned early due to a...FIRE ALARM TEST ... that lasted 10 minutes!! Yiiikkkkeesss.