## **Club Meeting**

Stuart-Sunrise Meets at Banyan Creek Country Club 1701 SW Crane Creek Ave Palm City, FL 34990 Time: Thursday at 07:30

**Speakers** 

#### **Birthdays**



Gene L. VanCuren March 21st

### Club Member Anniversaries



Gene L. VanCuren 03-12-1984 41 Years



Richard P. Zurich 03-12-1984 41 Years



Linda Weiksnar 03-13-2020 5 Years

# Rotary News for March 6, 2025

By Beth Brownell

President Tom led the Pledge and Sue offered the invocation. Tom debuted the new club sound system!

Thank you to Sue and Lisa for volunteering with Citizens4H2O at the walk last Saturday.

There will be a Mapp Rd Cleanup on Saturday, March 15 at 8:00. Meet at Holy Redeemer Church on Mapp Rd.

A signup sheet was circulated to man the water distribution table at Jock Leighton Park in Palm City from 7-10AM at the We Do Good Bridge Run on Saturday, March 29.

Linda returned from President-Elect Training last weekend full of ideas and energy for her turn beginning July 1. She encouraged members to become familiar with My Rotary.

There will be a club Board meeting after next week's meeting.

The Fundraising committee will meet after today's meeting.

New and interesting speakers are needed.

Rick read the scholarship application essay written by a Martin County High School senior who hopes to become an optometrist. Very inspiring story!

HB will be leading the Honor Flight Guardian presentation to the JROTC groups at all the high schools on Wednesday, March 12. Club members are encouraged to attend. No advance notice is necessary. Once at the guard gate, tell them you are attending a meeting with Mark Cowles and JROTC. Meet up at the office. Arrive 30 minutes prior to the meeting.

Jensen Beach HS: meeting starts at 8:30 South Fork HS: meeting starts at 10:19

MC HS: meeting starts at 12:07

A social outing to CACTI Park is set for March 23. The game starts at 12:05. Those attending will pick up their tickets at the box office. We are thrilled that Carrie will be joining us!

#### Happy Dollars

HB reports that the largest regatta of the year will be held at the US Sailing Center this week. The regatta is for children sailing Optis. Hap was happy that, due to the new sound system, he could hear what was going on! Mike C applied for Social Security! John R is happy that he can now drive and no longer needs his scooter-no softball for him! Matt returned from Cuba after a church trip to help with providing 'safety nets' for children. Jason is looking forward to a new optometrist joining his practice in 8 years (the scholarship applicant). Members are happy to be Rotarians. Linda brought inspiring postcards from the district to be sent to members or potential members.

Kathy won the 50-50.

Jordan Pastorius, Martin County Community Development

By Beth Brownell

Jordan Pastorius, Assistant Community Development Manager of the Martin County Office of Community Development, spoke to the club. The Office of Community Development oversees the Art in Public Places Program, the county-wide Historic Preservation Board and the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), which includes six CRA areas, one of which is Old Palm City.

The goal of a CRA is to revitalize and restore, improving walkability and livability in areas that need it while retaining the character. Community participation is required through Neighborhood Advisory Committees, and local dollars are invested locally to execute the plans. Upcoming projects in Old Palm City are the updating of Jock Leighton Park. There are competing visions for the park, which are being worked out. Improving the Cornell Ave streetscape is also in the works. Keep in the know by checking out their website: https://www.martin.fl.us/CRA

