

# 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

### Birthdays



Charles S Dame  
III  
April 10th



Susan A Shirley  
April 15th

### Club Member Anniversaries

No Years Of Service Found

## Rotary News for March 27, 2025

There were many of you missing AND WE MISSED YOU!  
President Tom led the Pledge and Sue offered the invocation.

Announcements:

1. Baseball on Sunday was fun!
2. We Do Good Bridge Run is this Saturday – meet at Jock Leighton Park at 6:40AM if you are volunteering.
3. The IGNITE app for District 6930 is up and running, and we will have an educational program on it in May.
4. Remember to make your Rotary International Foundation contribution to the general fund. We are not quite to the halfway mark of what our club committed to donate by June 30. Contributions can be made online at [The Rotary Foundation](#) or you can bring a check to Kathy Lockhart.
5. Molly's House has service opportunities, including sanitizing toys and common areas, keeping their kitchens organized and being CHEF FOR THE DAY. We are signed up for all three on Thursday, May 15th, as Banyan Creek will be closed for maintenance and there will be no regular meeting.
6. We are collecting toiletries for House of Hope in the month of April. Items needed include shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, feminine hygiene products and Band-Aids. There are three sites for collection: Banyan Creek Golf Club, Palm City Eye Care (the office of Dr. Jason Davis), and the Children's Museum of the Treasure Coast.
7. The golf tournament committee will determine a date soon for our October (hopefully) golf tournament.
8. JD read an essay by one of our scholarship applicants that brought many of us to tears. Thanks for your involvement and your passion, JD!
9. Lots of happy dollars were donated, in spite of the light crowd. We are all happy to have Carrie back and Ken was happy that Jan has stayed the course for 33 years of marriage.

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## AmeriCorps and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Martin County

Our speakers today were Robert Griggs, AmeriCorps Program Director for Boys & Girls Clubs of Martin County and Ariana McCarthy, AmeriCorps Recruitment and Volunteer Manager.

The mission of the Boys & Girls Clubs: to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.

Initiatives of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Martin County:

- 1) Workforce Development (the lowest paying jobs they are preparing students for are \$30/hour)
- 2) Fork in the Road Food Truck (students as young as 14 are making \$15/hour, and they coordinate with the schools so that academics are not interrupted by work)
- 3) Creative Arts
- 4) Health & Life Skills
- 5) Sports, Fitness & Recreation

AmeriCorps is a national service opportunity sponsored by the Federal government for the purpose of promoting volunteerism and national service.

AmeriCorps provides people power and funding to local and national partners to tackle our nation's most pressing challenges.

The Boys & Girls Clubs recruit about 40 people for one year of volunteer service in Martin County. Their two main initiatives are:

1. To improve academic outcomes in elementary school students (focused on literacy)
2. Mentor middle school students at risk of disengagement

**A STARTLING STATISTIC:** Third graders who are not reading at grade level by the end of third grade have a higher chance of academic failure and a shorter life expectancy, in addition to many other social and economic challenges. Most of AmeriCorps local resources are poured into elementary school literacy, but not all kids are served in elementary school, so the middle school program focuses on those students. Most problems experienced by students in middle school can be linked to lack of literacy. The one-on-one mentoring program utilized in middle school is called CHECK AND CONNECT developed at the University of Minnesota, the only mentoring program that has been proven effective through evidence and research.

AmeriCorps volunteers do not receive a salary. They receive the intrinsic reward of being part of something bigger than themselves, as well as a bi-weekly living allowance, medical insurance and a grant of \$7,300 for up to 7 years to be used for tuition, student loans or to pass to a family member if you are 55 years or older. Part-time AmeriCorps volunteers are eligible for a \$3,600 supplement. Volunteers range in age from 17 to 88. Volunteers may serve up to four years but may only qualify for two educational supplements.

