



# ROTARY CLUB OF BOCA RATON SUNRISE



RISE 'N SHINE TIMES  
May 25, 2006

### Service Above Self



Our Pianist this morning was  
**Chris Maners!** Very pleasant!  
**Kris Sudan** led us in prayer.

### Visiting Rotarians :

**Daria Ayala, Delray Sunrise**  
**Dr. German Spicker, Cartagena**  
Guest:  
**Eric Chirinsky**



### \$\$\$\$.....HAPPY BUCKS.....\$\$\$\$

**Sgt.-at-Arms Rod Mabe** made his rounds and received happy bucks from the following:

**Clark Bailey** for a soldier's reunion after 48 years and for Memorial Day.

**Steve Alman** for his daughter Ahley-winning the Greek Orthodox's Church speaker's regional contest in Atlanta and will be in the finals in San Francisco. Also, one of his golfing buddies, Lou Hoyes was so impressed with Rotary at the tournament that he donated \$1000.

**Matt Nelles** was another proud papa! His one son had pajama day at his school; the day before they got to dress up as astronauts. And his little son performed as Kermit the frog at his school. They grow up and break your heart!

**Zee Aganovic** had good news about the India project. Completed and we have received \$6500 back to use on other projects!

**Ed Rowan** met a visiting Indian host family at the Miami Airport.

**Sandy Burkart** read us portions of an e-mail from our Rotarian Ambassador who has returned to Swaziland and in the educational field!

### May Birthdays

**Gareth Fowles....May6th**  
**Peter Stec.....May 15th**  
**John Kammerer....May 19th**  
**Jonathan Shepard....May 19th**  
**Danny Spandau.....May 20th**

### \$\$...Happy Bucks Cont'd...\$\$

**Jamie Gulden** is leaving for a NYC state of mind vacation!

**Dan Spandau** thanked all who helped with his son Alex's project.

Over \$3000 was sent to the Haven!

**Jim Hole** gave much praise to **Beatriz DaRocha** for the Bingo Social Event.

**Rick Celestino** was sad to hear that Villa D'Maison is closing.

**Dianne Currie** also thanked **Beatriz** for a Bingo job well done!

**President-Elect Kris Sudan** thanked **Frank Barbieri** for a great job in organizing the teacher's special recognition program. And please don't forget the banquet and luncheon on June 24 and June 25th!

**Tim Aman, Bob Magulick and Andy Petry** all thanked **Beatriz DaRocha** for the Bingo!

**Joe Unger** returned from celebrating the 11th birthday of his grandson.

**Tad Balzer** had a scooter dollar.

**Rich MacFarland** was thanked by **Rod Mabe** for his attorney work to close on the new location of his insurance business.

**Beatriz DaRocha** thanked everyone for helping and for coming to the bingo. There are probably lots of names missing, but thanks to **Dianne Currie and Jamie Ritter. Tim Aman, Jim Hole, Andy Petry, Bob Magulick and Dan Spandau.**

**President Eileen Katz** was in Texas visiting family and was sorry to have missed the Teacher's Award Breakfast and the Bingo. She thanked **Frank Barbieri** for his dedication to the teachers and coordination of this important annual event!



### President Eileen Katz

**Eileen** also thanked **Beatriz Da Rocha** and husband **Francesco** for organizing a wonderful Bingo event and thanked all who contributed and attended.

While in Galveston to attend a wedding, she noticed that the sign "Rotary meets here" room was located in the same building under the reception's ballroom.



### Dr. German Spicker

Our distinguished visitor from Cartagena, Columbia spoke to us about how Rotarians around the world are connected. **Zee Aganovic** had met him at FAU and invited him to come to our meeting.

His own club is working on a current project with the Coral Springs Club to provide x-ray equipment.

The Rotary Club he belongs to Has also assisted 125 deaf children and has built a hospital to help the poor people.

He reminded us that there are some wonderful opportunities in Rotary to serve others in education, health and other opportunities to help achieve peace and goodwill in the world. And, he suggested that if we are looking for a new international project in South America, he is more than happy to assist us!

President Eileen provided a flag.



**Sharon Bock**  
Clerk of Palm Beach Courts  
Speaker of the Week

**Matt Nelles, Program Chairman,** introduced **Sharon Bock, Chief Clerk and Comptroller** of West Palm Beach since January 2005.

She had served as Chief Deputy Clerk for almost seven years. After she earned her law degree, she practiced real estate law and owned a title company for 10 years in Miami. She earned her series 7, 63 and 65 certification for security sales and also holds an insurance and real estate license. She is also a licensed pilot and certified scuba diver.

Her leadership has transformed the Clerk and Comptroller's office from a stereotypical government agency to an award-winning model for public and private sector organizations.

Sharon lives on Singer Island and we were grateful to have this opportunity to welcome her to our club. She is also a Rotarian and that the traffic was a little slow on the way down to the meeting. Her office is in the Main Court House in West Palm Beach.

She gave us a civic lesson. In 1838, Florida created the Constitution which was ratified in 1848. The Legislature and the County Commissioners create the policy. It is up to the Constitutional Officers to run the government. All 67 counties in Florida have a Clerk of the Court, Tax Collector, Property Appraiser, Sheriff and Supervisor of Elections.

These officers do not make any policies. They follow the statutes and enforce the laws which the Legislature creates.



**Sharon Bock, Clerk of Courts**

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The office holds all public records. It acts as a gateway to the judiciary and is the actual go-between for the public and the government. It acts as the public advocate.

Technology has improved the system, but there is now a cost that is being recognized. In the process of putting the information on the internet, the tax records of people who have been through a bankruptcy or any other court documentation are public property.

The social security numbers of any person may be out there in cyberspace.

The office is responsible as Comptroller for collecting all tax records, acting as the county registrar and is responsible as the controller of all funds.

135 people are employed in the controller's division, which includes CPAs and the Treasurer. There was \$4 Billion collected in funds last year from Palm Beach County. 50% of this is real estate tax, and 50% are user fees. (Matt Nelles and all attorneys are considered a "frequent users").

Palm Beach has \$2 Billion invested in short term funds, and has earned \$62 Million in interest in the past year. It is only one of 10 counties in the United States with a Triple A rating.

In 1992, there was a collision of doctrines. The Sunshine Law was passed, giving citizens access to meetings and e-mails.

The Right to Privacy was enacted about the same time. And, two or three years ago, white collar crime in the form of identity theft started happening at a rapid rate.

The website for public documents are very possibly the least likely place thieves will go to; because there are a series of pages that have to be clicked on before the information appears. Thieves generally get the data from stolen lists, such as banks or the recently published Veteran Administration employee who transferred secure information to his private laptop.

How can you avoid identity theft?

If you discover that your Social Security number or any other private information is on the public records, you can simply call or e-mail the office and ask that it be removed.

Requests are met within 24 hours. Instructions are to log onto the website: [www.pbcountyclerk.com](http://www.pbcountyclerk.com)

On the home page, find the clerk connect section at the bottom right and click on public records. Search for your name. Then click onto the page and click onto view image.

Make certain that your social security number is not embedded into the documents.

There are 48 Million+ images on the internet that have originated from this office, and over 250 million images available to be put onto the web.

Due to the changes in law, from Hippa to grant data aggregators, from college transcripts to internet hijacking, the Office of the County Clerk of Palm Beach county encourages all of its citizens to engage in the process and correct any discrepancies and request the removal of private information.

ID theft happens. Sharon can attest to this because hers was stolen. She was able to take care of it right away, but we have all read about the nightmares that real lives turn into and how long it can go unchecked.

Questions about your tax records were answered. If there was a lawsuit and the tax records were brought into the court, they would be made public.

Volunteers are needed for the system. Please read the brochure and if you are able to do so, please give of your time.

You can receive an e-mail called "Investment Quarterly" which is a newsletter about the Palm Beach County government investments.

Sharon encouraged us to become more involved in this section of the government. She loves her job!

President Eileen Katz gave her a Rotary Cup as we applauded her.



Main Courthouse 205 North Dixie Highway, West Palm Beach

There are seven locations in Palm Beach County

**INTERESTING FACTS**

- Third largest county in the state, serving 1.2 million citizens
- The Clerk and Comptroller's Office serves as Palm Beach County's:
  - Clerk of the Court,
  - Chief Financial Officer
  - Clerk to the Board of the County Commissioners
  - County Recorder
- Handled 700,000+ cases in 2005
- Issues marriage licenses and passports, receives all county monies, including traffic tickets, real estate taxes and user fees
- Collects approximately \$4 Billion Dollars annually
- Grew the Excess Savings Portfolio from \$1.6 Billion in 2005 to \$2 Billion in 2006
- Earned investment income of \$62 Million in 2005
- Audited and paid \$1.16 Billion in county bills
- Paid \$314.6 Million in payroll expenses for 6,700 employees
- Administers in the Clerk and Controller's office, a \$30 Million Budget
- Provides services for 100 judicial officers, and directs 500 employees in seven locations



Our members, visitors and guests enjoy a wonderful buffet breakfast at the Country Club of Boca Raton



# The Rotary Club Of Boca Raton Sunrise

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**INSTALLATION DINNER:**                    **6/24/06** - Lead the Way President Elect P. Kris Sudan will be installed  
At the Country Club at Boca Raton

**DISTRICT AWARDS AND**

**INSTALLATION LUNCHEON:**    **6/25/06** - 12:00 Noon at the Palm Beach Marriott  
Recognition, Awards and District Leadership  
Installation of Presidents and Leadership 06-07  
Recognition of Presidents and Leadership 05-06

### SPEAKER SCHEDULE

June 1 - Benjamin Viertel and Bianca Ramos, RYLA Experience

June 8 - Chris Maners, Club Website

June 15 - Bianca Ramos, Exchange Student, Recap of her year as Exchange Student

June 22 - TBA and prepare for Annual Installation Banquet

June 29 - Linda Rinaldi, Simon Properties and Town Center Mall

July 6 - Tammy Barnoy, Leumi Bank, Israel perspective

Our club meets every Thursday at 7:30 AM. Our home location is the Country Club at Boca Raton, Directions: Palmetto Park Road between Military Trail and Powerline. Turn south on Boca Del Mar Drive. The Country Club is about two blocks, then turn left at entrance into parking lot.

Other clubs meetings can be found at [www.rotary.com](http://www.rotary.com) - top of page is club locator, then drill down To the city of choice.

Our Rotary Foundation needs help! Please give generously to this organization which can double or triple or help us realize even more on our international projects!

Our internet site for our club is: <http://bocasunrise.clubwizard.com/>

We are raising funds from members who wish to advertise on our website.

\$100 per year. Contact Chris Maners at [chrismaners@adelphia.net](mailto:chrismaners@adelphia.net) or phone: 561-392-7052

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