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SUNRISE ROTARY AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS

The Rotary Club of Marco Island Sunrise had a busy May awarding \$35,000.00 in college scholarships to graduating high school seniors. Each year, the Club's scholarship committee reviews applications from local high schoolers and selects worthy recipients. Scholarships are awarded in the name of a Rotarian or other person closely affiliated with the Club.

The scholarship awards vary from two to eight semesters. The scholarships require each recipient meet academic performance criteria, carry at least 13 credits per semester and keep the Club informed of their academic progress. Each recipient is also required to visit the Club at least once during each academic year, where they are treated to breakfast and asked to speak for two or three minutes about their college education experience.

Club members Kevin O'Fee and Eugenio Cardenas presented awards to recipients attending Lely High School. The recipients were:

1. Stephanie Alvarez, recipient of the Dorothy Pearson Scholarship for \$7,000.00;
2. Emmanuelle Meurgue, recipient of the Bill Filbin Scholarship for \$7,000.00;
3. Riley C. Burke, recipient of the James Pearson Scholarship for \$7,000.00;
4. Bailey Greaves, recipient of the Norm Walper Scholarship for \$2,000.00;
5. Joshua Wagner, recipient of the Wally Hertel Scholarship for \$2,000.00; and,
6. Marissa Mengelkoch, recipient of the Charles H. Michel Scholarship for \$2,000.00.

Club member James Prange presented Logan James Foss from Everglades City High School with the Glenellen Woodward Scholarship for \$1,000.00. Club members Bud Palmer and Deb Shanahan presented Tyler Gresham of Marco Island Academy with the Dick Shanahan Scholarship for \$7,000.00.

When asked about the scholarships granted by the Club, President Neil Snyder stated, "We are excited to give these worthy students assistance in pursuing their education. This is a great Club, where everyone contributes throughout the year for the next year's scholarship awards."

Sunrise Rotary is one of the most active Rotary Clubs in the State of Florida. The Club is not only involved with scholarship presentations each spring, but also community service throughout the year. Club activities include Meals of Hope and the Marco Island Seafood Festival.

The Rotary Club of Marco Island Sunrise meets at Stonewall's American Bistro on Tuesday mornings at 7:30 a.m. For more information about the Club and its activities please contact Bill Morris at 239-642-6020 or via email at wgm@wgmorrislaw.com or visit the Rotary Club of Marco Island Sunrise website at www.marcosunriserotary.org.