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After 33 years of teaching in the Citrus County School System and serving as a liaison for Citrus High School (CHS) to the Rotary Club of Inverness for the past several of those years, Bonnie Rybak finally decided to retire.

As she did, she wondered how she would fill those many

hours she would now have for herself each day. To help her out, she was invited to actually join the Rotary Club of Inverness as a member to reverse her role and now be a liaison for the Rotary Club with CHS.

That was just a couple of years ago. Now, Rybak fills her days doing community service not just for Rotary, but for other organizations like

Citrus 20/20 and the YMCA of the Suncoast – Citrus County Branch, to name just a few.

Rybak has helped to lead in the renovation of the Inverness Boys & Girls Club project Rotary undertook this past year and also arranged for Rotarians from the club to become mentors to the children

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in reading and other helpful ways. She also served as the Rotary Club's youth exchange counselor for the two

Rotary youth exchange students the club has hosted for the past year.

Rybak took over as head of the club's two scholarship committees that handed out \$11,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors at CHS.

Now, she has been elected by the membership to serve as an officer in the position of club secretary, which is perhaps the most time-consuming position in the club.

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Nunez, outgoing president of the Rotary Club of Inverness decided that Rybak should be named the 2012-13 Rotarian of the Year for the club. This is the highest honor the club can bestow on any of its members.