

Rotary Club of Inverness and the 2014 S4TL Experience

S4TL -- Seminar for Tomorrow's Leaders -- is always a highpoint of our Rotary year. The weeklong event is held annually at Florida Southern College in Lakeland. The Rotary Club of Inverness sends two Citrus High School juniors (usually a male and a female) to the leadership training, which is sponsored by three of the Rotary districts in Florida.

Rotary Club of Inverness members like to attend the mid-week Rap Session -- and opportunity to spend time talking with some of S4TL's exceptional teens.

About 60 Rotarians from sponsoring Rotary clubs attend and eat lunch with the delegates on Rapo Session day. After lunch attendees break into groups of about six Rotarians and 24 delegates. They spend two hours discussing topics of interest to the teens, which has included such subjects as teen pregnancy, capital punishment, welfare and teen suicide. Rotarians leave with a new appreciation for today's young leaders and often a newfound respect for how bright and creative they are.

Pictured below are Rotary Club of Inverness members who attended the Rap Session on June 18, 2014, and the local students. Left to right: Rotarians Mark Yerman, John Piersall,



RYE outbound student Julia Grady-Weil, Eloy Nunez, CHS students and S4TL participants Anna Beiswenger and Noah MacGinnis, Ned Barry, Seven Rivers Christian School student and S4TL participant Tessa Kacer (daughter of Rotarian Connie DeWeese and sponsored by Kings Bay Rotary), Connie DeWeese, and Doug Lobel.

Pictured at right, 160 yellow-shirted S4TL students break into groups of 8 to 10 for leadership exercises.

Monday through Friday, attendees' days begin at 7 AM and wrap up around 8 to 9 PM.

The Rotary Club of Inverness thanks Pastor Doug Alexander for allowing the club to use the New Church Without Walls van to transport the adult group to Lakeland and back in comfort with lots of leg room.

