



Rotary Club of Inverness

P.O. Box 1317, Inverness, FL 34451-1317



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Service is the Foundation of Membership!

Rotary's motto is "Service Above Self".

You will get the most from your membership in the Rotary Club of Inverness when you become involved in our community service projects. That's why you to attend a New Member Orientation right away, and choose your areas of interest to get started.

There are many ways to serve in Rotary, through committees in our four Avenues of Service: Club Service, Community Service, International Service and Vocational Service.

Committees

Here is a listing of our club's major committees and activities, based on last year. Within each committee there are subcommittees devoted to specific projects throughout the year. Each year the club's leaders work together in planning our goals and activities, in consultation with members. While the specific activities or dates may change from year to year, there are always lots of opportunities for service.

You are encouraged to participate on as many projects as you want to, and find your own comfort and capability level in your service participation. When the load is shared, the load is lightened for all.

- Club Service: Eloy Nunez -- chair
- Community Service: Mike Hall – chair
- Vocational Service: Gailen Spinka & David Rom, co-chairs
- International Service: Ned Barry, chair
- Foundation: Dora Hunt, chair
- Membership: Rebecca Martin, chair
- Public Relations: Doug & Connie Lobel, co-chairs

Projects

We have a number of service projects, fundraisers and other activities throughout the year. There is a partial listing below, to help you identify areas of interest.

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SERVICE PROJECTS

- Habitat for Humanity – Rotary club members have participated on several Habitat for Humanity homes in Citrus County. There’s always a need: give time, money or both!
- Family Resource Center -- For Christmas, “adopt” a child [or more than one!] to provide needed items as well as a “fun” thing. But don’t wait for Christmas – we support the Family Resource Center year-round. They especially need bicycles to help people get to work, and food. These efforts support Rotary’s emphasis on children.
- Salvation Army bell-ringing – Take a turn at the kettle to help fundraise for one of our community’s strong service providers to those in need.
- Friends of the Library Book Sale preparation – Each year we help the Friends get ready for their big annual book sale by setting up tables. This is an annual event supporting RI’s emphasis on literacy.
- Group Study Exchange Team – We hosted international visitors last year, and hope to do so again soon. We’ll need places to stay and escorts for the businesses they’d like to visit as well as enrichment hosts.
- Key Training Center support – The Key Center’s WYKE TV station supports us in donating a day for our TV Auction major fundraiser. In return, we work with them on various projects and lend our hands as needed.
- Citrus United Basket – Support RI’s emphasis on addressing hunger. Our food pantry shelves are low. Contribute at any time to CUB; start a collection at work of food items or cash.
- The Dictionary Project – To support RI’s emphasis on literacy, our club works with the Interact group at Citrus High School to distribute dictionaries for 3rd graders. Be part of a distribution team visiting the schools.
- International projects. Recent major projects include:
 - The Honduras Water Project – We continue to support Rotarian assistance in providing wells and clean water for villages in Honduras, including financial support and travel to Honduras in the Spring each year. This project addresses RI’s emphasis on clean water.
 - The Bulgaria project – Our club worked with clubs in Alaska and South Dakota on a project to obtain much-needed medical supplies and get them transported to Bulgaria. One of our honorary Rotarians, who had been in Bulgaria with the Peace Corps, had made the contact with a corresponding club there, and she returned in 2009 to oversee delivery of the supplies.

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- K-Mart Shopping Spree – This annual activity provides \$100 each to needy children for gifts to their families. Members take the kids to K-Mart for purchases, then to a gift-wrapping and pizza party afterwards.
- Students of the Month – each month during the school year we honor a male and a female Student of the Month from Citrus High School and from Inverness Middle School. They attend a lunch meeting and make a short presentation to the members about themselves and their goals.
- Scholarships – The Rotary Club of Inverness awards scholarships to Citrus High School and Withlacoochee Technical Institute students each year, the number and amount dependent on our fundraising achievements.

FUNDRAISING

- Rotary Golf Tournament – Annual fundraiser. Help get sponsors and door prizes, sign up players, help work the event!
- Patriotic Evening in Inverness. July 3 – Rotary generally has a drink booth as a fundraiser. This is an annual event.
- Annual Radio / TV Auction – Scheduled for February 2011 – we need everyone to get donations for the auction, get the word out, and help on the day of the auction.

AWARENESS IN THE COMMUNITY / FAMILY OF ROTARY

- Cooter Fest in Inverness – Rotary generally has a booth at this October event. Lots of fun & a great way to raise community awareness in the community of Rotary.
- 6-Club socials – Each year members of all six Rotary clubs in Citrus County are invited to at least one social event. It has been a reception, a casino night, and a “beast feast” cookout. Fun! This supports the Family of Rotary.
- Whispering Pines Park – We helped the City of Inverness celebrate the park’s 30th anniversary at a free activities day last year. This is a special project for us since the club was instrumental in the park’s development in 1979.
- Christmas trees on the Square downtown – We display and decorate a tree around the Old Courthouse Square, along with other community organizations. Lend a hand!
- Inverness Christmas Parade – We participate and hand out beads to parade-watchers along Main Street. Come help decorate our truck and walk the route.

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- Interact – We work with the Interact students at Citrus High School, providing guidance and support as needed, involving them in our service projects and helping them with their own projects. The next step after high school graduation is for them to join the Rotoract club of young professionals in Citrus County.
- Rotarians as Teachers – Club members visit Citrus High and Inverness Middle School on special guest teaching days to share our vocational interests and work with the young people.
- Job shadowing – Annually our members share a morning at work with high school students who are interested in members' vocations, then we treat the students to a luncheon, hear their reactions to their experiences and tell them more about Rotary.

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