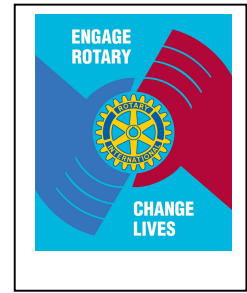


Rotary Club of Inverness

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



Service is the Foundation of Membership!

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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 should 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: Connie Lobel -- chair
- Community Service: Lace Blue-McLean ó chair
- Vocational Service: John Murphy -- chair
- Youth Service: [TBD]; Interact liaison ó John Piersall
- International Service: Ned Barry -- chair
- Foundation: Dora Hunt -- chair
- Membership: Melissa Olbek -- 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

- Whispering Pines Park ó our club's signature project. Our members helped establish the park and since then have contributed to its improvement. In 2012 we upgraded the kitchen and the entry patio. We work with the City of Inverness to identify the best park projects for our club to undertake.
- Habitat for Humanity ó Rotary club members have participated on building projects, and we supply hoses and sprinklers for all the new Habitat homes in Citrus County. There's always a need: give time, money or both!
- Family Resource Center -- For Christmas, ðadoptö a child [or more than one!] to provide needed items as well as a ðfunö thing. But don't wait for Christmas ó 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 ó 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 ó 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.
- S4TL / Seminar for Tomorrow's Leaders ó We send two students from Citrus High School to participate in this weeklong program at Florida Southern College. Club members join the students one afternoon for a stimulating ðrap sessionö.
- Group Study Exchange Team ó 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.
- Rotary Youth Exchange students ó We continue to host and send students abroad for a year. We always need to fund our students, and for the incoming individuals we need three or four host families in the community [in the Citrus High School district] plus interaction from other club members as well..
- Key Training Center support ó 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 ó We support RI's emphasis on addressing hunger: Our food pantry shelves are low; contribute at any time to CUB or collect food items or cash at work.
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- The Dictionary Project ó 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, along with our Interact club members.
- Upward Bound ó This is a countywide Rotary project to reward local students who made significant improvements in some aspect of academic achievement during a given rating period. Recognitions are awarded four times during the year. We contribute funding annually; club representatives help set up and attend the ceremonies.
- Christmas shopping ó This annual activity provides funding to needy children for gifts to their families. Members take the kids to a cooperating store, then to a gift-wrapping and pizza party afterwards.
- Students of the Month ó 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 ó 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. In 2012, we established the four-year Fairman Scholarship, in honor of an important benefactor.
- Other beneficiaries of our funding and/or our help ó Boys & Girls Club of Inverness; YMCA; Camp E-Nini-Hassee; Stop Hunger Now feeding program; Hospice Camp Good Hope; The Path of Citrus County; United Way; Rotary Camp Florida; and local Cub Scout Pack 457, which we sponsor
- International projects. Some of our major projects have included:
 - Heaters for schools in Chili ó We joined with other Citrus County clubs for this project, which received a matching grant so our contributions were doubled by the District and again by The Rotary Foundation.
 - The Honduras Water Project ó 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 ó 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, where one of our honorary Rotarians worked with a local club to oversee the deliveries.
 - The Rotary Foundation -- Contributions and matched dollars last year totaled nearly \$12,000.

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FUNDRAISING

- Rotary Golf Tournament ó Annual fundraiser in April. Help get sponsors and door prizes, sign up players, help work the event!
- Patriotic Evening in Inverness. July 3 ó Rotary generally has a drink booth as a fundraiser. This is an annual event.
- Annual Radio / TV Auction ó The next one is scheduled for February 2013 ó we need everyone to gather donations for the auction, get the word out, and help on the day of the auction.
- New in 2013 ó The Bass Blasters fishing tournament in September!

AWARENESS IN THE COMMUNITY / FAMILY OF ROTARY

- Cooter Fest in Inverness ó Rotary generally has a booth at this October event. Lots of fun & a great way to raise community awareness in the community of Rotary.
- Socials ó Our club members have socials during the year, and find opportunities to get acquainted through such activities as a bowling league. We also do new member socials and orientations. Each year, also, members of all six Rotary clubs in Citrus County are invited to at least one social event to support the Family of Rotary.
- Whispering Pines Park ó We helped the City of Inverness celebrate the park's 30th anniversary, we upgraded the activities building, and in 2013 ó 14 we'll be working on two park beautification/renovation projects. Whispering Pines is special for us since the club was instrumental in the park's development in 1979.
- Christmas trees on the Square downtown ó We display and decorate a tree around the Old Courthouse Square, along with other community organizations. Lend a hand!
- Inverness Christmas Parade ó We participate and hand out beads to parade-watchers along Main Street. Come help decorate our truck and walk the route.
- Interact ó 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.
- Vocational projects including job shadowing and Rotarians as Teachers ó Our members share a morning at work with high school students interested in members' vocations, then treat them to lunch, where the students give reports on their experiences. When possible, club members also like to visit Citrus High and Inverness Middle School on special guest teaching days to share vocational interests and insights with the youth.

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