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CITRUS COUNTY NEWS FEED

ROTARY CLUB AUCTION PROVES "SERVICE ABOVE SELF"

On December 5th, just in time for Christmas, the Rotary Club of Inverness conducted its 5th Annual Charity TV Auction in conjunction with WYKE TV. The 5 hour uninterrupted auction (except for minimal commercial breaks) lasted from 12 noon until 5 p.m. and over 100 items donated by community merchants and others were auctioned off to the highest bidder in half hour segments. The total retail value of the items auctioned was approximately \$18,000 and the auction raised close to \$5,000.00 after expenses.

Over 25 members of the Rotary donated their time to answer 10 phone lines and disperse items and collect money from the lucky bidders as well as many other jobs that made the auction happen. Dennis Miller General Manager of WYKE TV served as one of the moderators along with guest celebrities School Board Member Linda Powers, Salvation Army Citrus County Corp Officer Lt. Vanessa Miller, Supervisor of Elections Susan Gill, Inverness Mayor Bob Plaisted and President of the Friends of Chassahowitzka Lacey Blue-Mclean (this group has taken the lead in raising the 14 million plus dollars to save "Three Sisters Springs" from being developed).

The money raised by that annual auction goes to support the charitable giving of the Rotary, which includes five \$1,000.00 scholarships to Citrus High School Students each year. The Rotary also provides two annual \$500 scholarships to individuals that qualify to attend Withalacoochee Technical Institute. These along with donations to United Way, Salvation Army and numerous other non-profit agencies are just a part of what the Rotary does for the community.

There are over 1.2 million Rotarians around the world in over 200 countries that are all part of the 32,000 Rotary Clubs and all subscribe to the motto "Service Above Self". Collectively these

Rotarians have given over 700 million dollars to eradicate the dreaded disease Polio from the face of the earth. Their goal was to provide the resources to the World Health Organization to inoculate every child in the world to wipe out Polio and they are very close to completing the task, which is expected to happen during this coming year.

There are now six Rotary Clubs in Citrus County, with Sugarmill Woods Rotary Club just completing its first year of operation. All of these clubs conduct fundraisers such as the Inverness Club's TV Auction to raise money to help others.



Pictured left to right are Mayor Bob Plaisted, Rotary Club President Jim Neal, Rotary Treasurer Dora Hunt and Rotarian Sally Long.



Supervisor of Elections Susan Gill on the air with Dennis Miller General Manager of WYKE TV