



Rotary Club of Inverness

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



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.

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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: Rob Tessmer, Jr. -- chair; Arnold Virgilio – resource member
- Community Service: Ron Lundberg – chair; Lora Wilson – resource member
- Vocational Service: Gailen Spinka – chair; David Rom – trainee
- International Service: Ron & Cynthia Resare
- Foundation: Dora Hunt
- Membership: Rebecca Martin
- Public Relations: Kathy Thrumston – chair; Doug Lobel – resource member

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 House [Bill Metzendorf] – There will be two Rotary houses in Citrus County for Habitat during the 2008 – 2009 year. 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. In the 2008 – 2009 Rotary year, all Rotary’s major emphases are especially focused 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, etc. This is an annual event supporting RI’s emphasis on literacy.
- Senior Home Repair [Melanie Hensley] – You can help do minor home repairs for low-income seniors [unscheduled] and help identify potential beneficiaries.
- Group Study Exchange Team [Ron & Cynthia Resare] – We’ll be hosts for international visitors this year. We need places to stay and escorts for the businesses they’d like to visit as well as enrichment hosts. See Ron & Cynthia for details.
- Key Training Center support – In early 2008, we did a service project to erect fence around the facility’s drainage retention pond. This was part of our thank-you for Key Center support for our Auction.
- 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 contributes to the purchase of dictionaries for 3rd graders countywide. Be part of a distribution team visiting schools with the Interact students.
- The Honduras Water Project [Ron & Cynthia Resare] – We continue to support Rotarian assistance in providing wells and clean water for villages in Honduras. Financial support and travel to Honduras in the Spring each year. This project supports RI’s emphasis on clean water.

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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

- Annual Golf Tournament [Sonny Hunt] – Annual fundraiser. Help get sponsors and door prizes, sign up players, help work the event! Most recent one was in April 2009.
- Boat Races [Doug Lobel] – Annual 5-club fundraiser. Cancelled for 2009, but may come back in 2010. In its place, we are hosting a major concert, in partnership with Inverness Olde Towne Association and the Friends of the Chassahowitska. We need lots of help on this before and during the event, and to sell raffle tickets!
- Annual Radio / TV Auction [James Segovia & Ned Barry] – 2008 event was in December. The 2009 event is still under discussion. This is another event that needs all members' participation before and during the event.
- Patriotic Evening in Inverness. July 3 – Rotary generally has a drink booth as a fundraiser. This is an annual event.
- Uncle Sam Jam – This was new in 2007, in September, on the Square. Fundraiser with food / drinks booth. Possibly an annual event?
- Sock Hop at the Key Training Center [Charlie Richer] – October fundraiser event; Rotarians sold tickets, worked the event, and attended to have fun! No dances scheduled yet for 2009 – 2010.

AWARENESS IN THE COMMUNITY / FAMILY OF ROTARY

- Cooter Fest in Inverness – Rotary generally has a booth at this October event. In 2007 it was an information booth featuring a Shelter Box with everything a family needs immediately in case of disaster to the home. In 2008 it was a Rotary information site.

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- 5-Club Social – In 2008 this was a Casino Night during October. Supporting the Family of Rotary, five-club socials are annual events. We have a display board to show off our accomplishments, projects, members.
- Christmas trees on the Square downtown – We display and decorate a tree around the Old Courthouse Square, along with other community organizations.
- Inverness Christmas Parade – We participate and hand out beads to parade-watchers along Main Street. Members decorate our truck and walk the route.
- Column in Inverness Pioneer newspaper – Monthly, we share information about Rotary and project news with the community.
- 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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