Meet Abby Blocker. Citrus County's homegrown marvel and a rising star in the world's future. A recent graduate of the University of South Florida's Biomedical Engineering program, Abby's desire is to continue her studies toward a Masters and PhD in this field, and she wants to do it in South Africa. Obviously, it would seem much easier to do this in the United States. Yes and no. What she is looking for is a format that isn't about developing something to be the first one to do it. She wants to develop something that includes all the players and carries all the players forward( Is it beneficial to all concerned?). While she could be great on her own, she sees more benefit in making it be about how it helps others. She wants to not serve herself, but mankind. That opportunity awaits her at the University of Capetown, South Africa, in the Health Innovations field. How will she accomplish this ambition? Why, with the help of Rotary International. She reached out to begin the inquiry on the possibility of assistance, and through contact with our very own John Murphy and Ned Barry, the process was put in place to get her an International Grant for her education. NASA and Moffitt have already benefited from the skills and vision she has shared. Now, Rotary and the world will get a chance to be a part of the energy, vision and determination that Abby will bring us in the years to come.

Special Acknowledgement: A warm thank you to PDG Charlie Rogers and his wife for joining our club meeting to hear what Abby has to share, as well as Eric Hoyer our AG.

## In Other News:

- \*It was our pleasure to induct Mike Kramer into our club. Mike is a real go-getter and has already been an active volunteer with our club.
- \*The dictionaries have been delivered to our club, and now the distribution will need to be set up
- \*Our 50 years of Rotary Celebration is almost here! Oct 15<sup>th</sup> Gala and Oct 16 Picnic. We need all of you to sign up for these events. Please go to our Rotary Club of Inverness, Fl website calendar and register to be a part of this celebration. Time is running out! If you are having any problem with this process, Sally Long or Lace are available. <a href="Sarahaven63@gmail.com">Sarahaven63@gmail.com</a> or <a href="Laceblue@gmail.com">Laceblue@gmail.com</a>. Please come join these wonderful events. A little food, a little drink, a little history, and a whole lot of fellowship and fun!

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