

Spring Break lighted the attendance, but not the spirits of our Rotarians in attendance for our monthly business meeting called "Club Assembly". On board, we had an induction for Crystal Lizanich who is on our City Council and is very interested in youth opportunities in our community. We welcomed her and her daughter to the club. Crystal was on her way to the Boys and Girls Club to do a presentation about city government. I think we will see her actively involved in many of our future initiatives for children. Congratulations!

We were also given the opportunity to hear from Crystal Barton, the executive director of the Citrus County Community Charitable Foundation. This foundation was formed in 2014 when Citrus Memorial Hospital leased its facility to HCA. The foundation began with a \$9.5 million dollar funding which had to be managed and invested to make future possibilities happen. The focus of grant opportunities is basically on the health and medical needs of the community as assessed by the Citrus County Health Dept. This year's grant cycle offers \$350,000 toward nonprofits that fit this description. Crystal appears to be a leader with patience and vision, and there is compassion mixed in there as well. It was our pleasure to meet her and to hear about this organization and all the great work it has already done for so many in need in our community. We hope to see her again in attendance at our club meetings.

Jack Cooper brought a special guest to our club meeting as well. Avon Hambrick, who is currently with the Downtown Club, came to visit. She runs an organization called "Life Skills of America Inc". The vision of this nonprofit is to assist girls who have dropped out of school get their diploma and to coach them to advance their studies through mentoring and guidance. We would like to invite her back, so she can give us a more formal presentation. Also in attendance was Melisa Bias of the "Remember Me Kidney Organization". We were unable to hear from her due to time constraints.

Other News:

*Special "Thank You" goes to Fred Ohsiek for dumping his "Spiced Peaches Jar" of coins into the blue CART bucket.

*Fairman Trust Scholarship has 16 applications this year.

*Special 50/50 drawing at our April 9th meetingSomeone will win some Tampa Bay hats!

*Connors Gives Back is from 4-7 on April 11. Join the party, bring a friend, hang out, buy some nice gifts. A percentage of sales go back to the club.

*Upward Bound April 25, Citrus Springs Community Center; the guest speaker is John Murphy.

*District Meeting is at the Rosen Center, Orlando, April 25th-28th. Come join the fun and learn about human trafficking, peace and conflict resolution, and other Rotary initiatives. This is a chance to network with other Rotarians who are doing good things in their community and the world.

50/50 – Byron "I never win anything" Brown
H/s Dollars - \$90.