

While I was not at the meeting this week (because I was on vacation), I did receive some notes from Lace and Ned to help with the creation of this week's recap. Before I begin, I need to mention that there was a sighting of one of our members who had been missing from the club meetings for a while. Welcome back Jim McCoy! Hope you enjoy our new facility and will be a regular once again. The club was also able to induct Ken Fagan (again!) into our club. We are all happy to have him back and look forward to working with him again. And finally, let's not forget.....the students will start preparing our lunches next week. What a wonderful opportunity for all of us.

Ned Barry was our special presenter this week. He shared his focus on the "Magic of Rotary" and International Service. We, as Rotarians, come together to share our Time, Talent and Treasure. We volunteer, mentor and organize, and give what we can for the betterment of others in our community and the world. Make the "magic of rotary" personal for you by reaching out to someone to simply hug, offer encouragement to, meet in person or help out in a personal way. The "magic" is in selfless giving. At the International level, there is an opportunity to get involved in supporting a major project or scholarship for a student to continue their education. Currently, our club supports the Guatemala Literary Project, one of the largest multi-club, multidistrict rotary projects. This initiative supplies teachers, texts, and computers for students to succeed. We also support a student through the RISE youth development program. And, let's not forget Abby Blocker, our International Scholar, currently pursuing her PhD in South Africa and developing a virtual clinic to serve remote areas. Reach out to Ned for more information or if you want to get connected.

Locally, there is an opportunity to get involved at some level with the Relief Share medical supplies program with Megan Carella or medical equipment to India with Bonnie Rybak. There is also an opportunity to host an exchange student or to suggest one to send abroad.

So many ways to get involved in the bigger picture of Rotary!

Club News:

9/3 – Last day to turn in your release for the Coastal Clean-Up, Michael Dandurand

9/4- Blessing Delivery, 1st Presbyterian Church, 7:15 am, Brandie Ballard

9/11 – Feed Citrus, 7am, Citrus County Fairgrounds, Lace Blue-McLean

9/21 – Coast Clean up, Cooter Pond Park (Sheriff's Office), 8:30, Lace and Michael

Heads up – Oct 12 is a Six Club Day! Habitat Build, Citrus Springs, 8-12 AND

A Six Club Social at the George Washington Carver Center, Crystal River, 5-8pm

H/s Dollars - \$156

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Next week: Lace Blue-McLean will be our speaker, for Coastal Cleanup/Save our Waters.

Safe Journey to Pres. Byron on his trip to India.