

I know it's an old saying, but it just so happens to be true. "If you weren't there, you missed it!" We had the surprising pleasure of meeting our scholarship recipients, as well as our past Fairman Trust recipient and our newest one. And the extra nice thing was.....we had met them all before. All of our recipients were our Students of the Month. Let me present to you: Lara Esteche, Sharon Esteche, and Connor Bishop, all of whom have received a \$1500.00 scholarship from our club. In addition, this year's Fairman Trust recipient was Landon Gibbs. And rounding out the meeting, we also had the opportunity to hear from our past Fairman Trust recipient, Taylor Koon. As a part of the Fairman Trust Scholarship, we ask that the student occasionally report back on their progress, as well as talk about their future plans. Taylor informed us that she will be graduating this December, roughly 19 months ahead of schedule, with a degree in Media Production and Technology. (She said that was a fancy name for Communications.) A very religious person, she sees her future bringing the awareness of the word of God to parts of the world that have no religion, educating through her documentaries and other communication skills. She also wants to create documentaries that focus on "the special needs" of individuals and communities. She truly is an enthusiastic, shining star and an excellent example of what our future leaders could be. Our newest Fairman recipient, Landon Gibbs, is just getting ready to set sail on his journey. He will be attending UF and will begin in a general Biology degree field. As he becomes more aware of his options, he will narrow his focus. He knows he wants to make a positive contribution to the world in whatever he finally decides, and we look forward to hearing more from him.

From the Board: As a part of our monthly "Assembly" club meeting, Pres. Tom reported that, financially, the club is in a good position for the close of this year. He reminded us that we will be moving to the Technical College for our first meeting in July. More specific information to follow.

Awards: Pres. Tom shared with us that this year our club received several awards from the District. We received: Best Large Club for Citrus County Area 8, and The Area and Club Excellence Award. In addition, we also achieved the Governor's Citation for 2023-24. Bonnie Rybak and her team won the PR/PI Zone 33/34 Award. Finally, a special recognition was presented from Rotary International to our very own LACE BLUE-MCLEAN, for her outstanding service to the Foundation. Whew! What are great club we have!

Other News:

- *June 15 – Relief Share, Megan Carella, 1st Presbyterian Church, 9am
- *June 15 – District Leadership Training, 8-4, PHSC, opportunity to learn more about Rotary
- *June 19 – Visitation day for our club at S4TL
- *June 25 – Installation Dinner, Taco Tuesday, 5:30 at Bluewater Drafting

Reminder: Our last two lunch meetings at Angelotti's are June 11 and 18.

50/50 - \$29 to Vera

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May the celebration of life be in each and every one of you.